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H. R. 6928

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, to award grants to eligible crisis centers to provide follow-up services to individuals receiving suicide prevention and crisis intervention services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “CONtinuity in Nec-
3 essary Evaluative Crisis Treatment Act of 2024” or the
4 “CONNECT Act of 2024”.

5 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES TO INDIVID-**
6 **UALS RECEIVING SUICIDE PREVENTION AND**
7 **CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

8 Title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 290aa et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
10 520E–4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36d) the following:

11 **“SEC. 520E–5. FOLLOW-UP SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS RE-**
12 **CEIVING SUICIDE PREVENTION AND CRISIS**
13 **INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
15 the Assistant Secretary, shall award grants to eligible cri-
16 sis centers to provide follow-up services to individuals re-
17 ceiving suicide prevention and crisis intervention services.

18 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to seek a grant
19 under this section, a crisis center shall be a member of
20 the network of crisis centers coordinated under section
21 520E–3(b)(1).

22 “(c) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select recipi-
23 ents of grants under this section based on the relative
24 needs, including capacity and service gaps, of the eligible
25 crisis centers applying for such grants.

1 “(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
2 provide technical assistance to recipients of grants under
3 this section regarding best practices for the implementa-
4 tion of services through such grants.

5 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A crisis center receiving a
7 grant under this section shall use the grant to pro-
8 vide follow-up services to individuals receiving sui-
9 cide prevention and crisis intervention services such
10 as—

11 “(A) individuals who were callers at risk
12 of, or on behalf of someone at risk of, suicide
13 or a mental health or suicidal crisis; and

14 “(B) to the extent possible, individuals
15 who—

16 “(i) received a response from a mobile
17 crisis team; or

18 “(ii) made a visit to an urgent behav-
19 ioral health clinic, a crisis receiving and
20 stabilization facility, an emergency depart-
21 ment, an inpatient unit, or another short-
22 term crisis care site.

23 “(2) FOLLOW-UP SERVICES.—Follow-up serv-
24 ices referred to in paragraph (1) may include—

1 “(A) check-ins to assess well-being and
2 level of risk;

3 “(B) outreach to ensure engagement in
4 services and supports, in coordination with mo-
5 bile crisis service providers if involved;

6 “(C) collaboration with family, caregivers,
7 and natural social supports; and

8 “(D) referrals based on the needed level of
9 care.

10 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
11 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
12 priated \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2024, to remain avail-
13 able until expended.”.

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