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H. R. 8722

To reauthorize the program for mental health awareness training grants,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 16, 2022

Mrs. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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training grants, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Access to
5 Mental Health Training Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARE-**
7 **NESS TRAINING GRANTS.**

8 Section 520J(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 290bb–41(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “youth and
2 their” after “to refer”;

3 (2) in paragraph (5)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
5 and” and inserting a semicolon;

6 (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
7 the period and inserting “; and”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) suicide intervention and prevention,
10 including recognizing warning signs and refer-
11 ring someone for help, including referrals for
12 culturally and linguistically appropriate serv-
13 ices.”;

14 (3) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
15 graph (8);

16 (4) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(7) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
19 may provide technical assistance to grantees in car-
20 rying out this section, which may include assistance
21 with—

22 “(A) program evaluation and improvement,
23 as necessary;

24 “(B) dissemination and implementation of
25 evidence-based programs;

1 “(C) operational and administrative activi-
2 ties;

3 “(D) data collection and reporting;

4 “(E) facilitating collaboration and informa-
5 tion sharing among grantees; and

6 “(F) other activities as the Secretary de-
7 termines appropriate.”; and

8 (5) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated, by
9 striking “\$14,693,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
10 through 2022” and inserting “\$54,963,000 for each
11 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027”.

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