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# H. R. 5407

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILD (for herself, Mr. KELLER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. TRONE, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. DEAN, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans, 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 “Enhancing Mental  
5 Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGING CAMPUS COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL**  
2 **HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PLANS.**

3 Part L of title VIII of the Higher Education Act of  
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 11611 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 826 as section 827;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 825 the following  
8 new section:

9 **“SEC. 826. ENCOURAGING CAMPUS COMPREHENSIVE MEN-**  
10 **TAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION**  
11 **PLANS.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make efforts  
13 to encourage institutions of higher education to develop  
14 and implement comprehensive campus mental health and  
15 suicide prevention plans. Such efforts—

16 “(1) shall be conducted in coordination with the  
17 Secretary of Health and Human Services (acting  
18 through the Administrator of the Substance Abuse  
19 and Mental Health Services Administration);

20 “(2) shall align with—

21 “(A) the efforts of the Suicide Prevention  
22 Resource Center, specifically the Center’s model  
23 of nine strategies that form a comprehensive  
24 approach to suicide prevention;

25 “(B) the 21st Century Cures Act (42  
26 U.S.C. 201 note); and

1           “(C) the programs authorized under the  
2           Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (42 U.S.C.  
3           201 note; Public Law 108–355);

4           “(3) shall take into consideration existing State  
5           efforts to address mental health and suicide preven-  
6           tion at institutions of higher education; and

7           “(4) may be carried out in collaboration with  
8           nonprofit organizations and other experts and stake-  
9           holders in the field of campus mental health and sui-  
10          cide prevention.

11          “(b) REPORTS.—The Secretary, or a designee of the  
12          Secretary, shall report to Congress on the efforts of the  
13          Secretary carried out under this section—

14                 “(1) not later than one year after the date of  
15                 enactment of the Enhancing Mental Health and Sui-  
16                 cide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act; and

17                 “(2) three years after the date of enactment of  
18                 such Act.

19          “(c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall  
20          be construed as creating new statutory requirements for  
21          institutions of higher education or granting the Secretary  
22          new regulatory authority.”.

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