

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1877

AN ACT

To amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

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 “Mental Health First
3 Aid Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING GRANTS.**

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

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**MEN-**
8 **TAL HEALTH AWARENESS**” before “**TRAINING**”;
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
12 “ILLNESS” and inserting “HEALTH”;

13 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, vet-
14 erans, law enforcement, and other categories of
15 individuals, as determined by the Secretary,”
16 after “emergency services personnel”;

17 (C) in paragraph (5)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
19 graph (A), by striking “to” and inserting
20 “for evidence-based programs that provide
21 education to teachers, personnel, and other
22 categories of individuals described in para-
23 graph (1) on at least”; and

24 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A)
25 through (C) and inserting the following:

1 “(A) recognizing the signs and symptoms
2 of mental illness; and

3 “(B) either—

4 “(i) resources available in the commu-
5 nity for individuals with a mental illness
6 and other relevant resources; or

7 “(ii) the safe de-escalation of crisis
8 situations involving individuals with a men-
9 tal illness.”; and

10 (D) in paragraph (7), by striking “,
11 \$25,000,000” and all that follows through the
12 period at the end and inserting “\$14,963,000
13 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,
2016.

Attest:

Clerk.

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