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2D SESSION

H. R. 1877

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

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:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.