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# H. R. 4349

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an institution for mental diseases bed registry program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2016

Mr. TONKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coordinating Crisis  
5 Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES BED REG-**  
7 **ISTRY GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
9 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the  
10 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administra-

1 tion, shall award grants to States to develop and admin-  
2 ister, or maintain an existing, real-time Internet-based bed  
3 registry described in subsection (b) to collect, aggregate,  
4 and display information about beds in public and private  
5 inpatient psychiatric facilities and public and private crisis  
6 stabilization units and residential community mental  
7 health and residential substance abuse treatment facilities  
8 to facilitate the identification and designation of facilities  
9 for the temporary treatment of individuals in psychiatric  
10 or substance abuse crisis.

11 (b) REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS.—A bed registry de-  
12 scribed in this subsection is a registry that—

13 (1) includes descriptive information for every  
14 public and private inpatient psychiatric facility and  
15 every public and private crisis stabilization unit and  
16 residential community mental health and residential  
17 substance abuse facility in the State involved, includ-  
18 ing contact information for the facility or unit;

19 (2) provides real-time information about the  
20 number of beds available at each facility or unit and,  
21 for each available bed, the type of patient that may  
22 be admitted, the level of security provided, and any  
23 other information that may be necessary to allow for  
24 the proper identification of appropriate facilities for

1 treatment of individuals in psychiatric or substance  
2 abuse crisis; and

3 (3) allows employees and designees of commu-  
4 nity mental health and substance abuse service pro-  
5 viders, employees of inpatient psychiatric facilities or  
6 public and private crisis stabilization units and resi-  
7 dential community mental health and residential  
8 substance abuse treatment facilities, and health care  
9 providers working in an emergency room of a hos-  
10 pital or clinic or other facility rendering emergency  
11 medical care to perform searches of the registry to  
12 identify available beds that are appropriate for the  
13 treatment of individuals in psychiatric or substance  
14 abuse crisis.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
16 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
17 \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2016 through  
18 2020.

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