

In the Senate of the United States,

December 14, 2020.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 4704) entitled “An Act to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support multidisciplinary research on the science of suicide, and to advance the knowledge and understanding of issues that may be associated with several aspects of suicide including intrinsic and extrinsic factors related to areas such as wellbeing, resilience, and vulnerability.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Research to*
3 *Prevent Suicide Act”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. FINDINGS.***

5 *Congress finds the following:*

1 (1) *The rate of Americans dying by suicide is on*
2 *the rise, increasing 10.7 to 14.0 deaths per 100,000*
3 *people from 2001 to 2017.*

4 (2) *Suicide is the tenth-leading cause of death*
5 *among people in the United States and the second-*
6 *leading cause of death for young people between the*
7 *ages of 15 and 34.*

8 (3) *The National Science Foundation funds re-*
9 *search that is improving our basic understanding of*
10 *factors with potential relevance to suicide, including*
11 *potential relevance to prevention and treatment.*

12 (4) *Despite progress in mental health research,*
13 *current gaps exist in scientific understanding and*
14 *basic knowledge of human neural, genetic, cognitive,*
15 *perceptual, behavioral, social, and environmental fac-*
16 *tors with potential relevance to suicide.*

17 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH.**

18 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Director of the National*
19 *Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of*
20 *the National Institutes of Health and the Director of the*
21 *National Institute of Mental Health and taking into consid-*
22 *eration prioritized research agendas or strategic plans, as*
23 *appropriate, shall, subject to the availability of appropria-*
24 *tions, award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis*
25 *to institutions of higher education (or consortia of such in-*

1 *stitutions) to support multidisciplinary, fundamental re-*
2 *search with potential relevance to suicide, including poten-*
3 *tial relevance to prevention and treatment, including, but*
4 *not limited to—*

5 *(1) basic understanding of human social behav-*
6 *ior;*

7 *(2) the neural basis of human cognition;*

8 *(3) basic understanding of cognitive, linguistic,*
9 *social, cultural, and biological processes related to*
10 *human development across the lifespan;*

11 *(4) basic understanding of perceptual, motor,*
12 *and cognitive processes, and their interaction, in typ-*
13 *ical human behavior; and*

14 *(5) basic understanding of the relevance of drug*
15 *and alcohol abuse.*

16 *(b) ENCOURAGING APPLICATIONS FROM EARLY CA-*
17 *REER RESEARCHERS.—To promote the development of*
18 *early career researchers, in awarding funds under sub-*
19 *section (a), the Director of the National Science Foundation*
20 *shall encourage applications submitted by early career re-*

- 1 *searchers, including doctoral students or postdoctoral re-*
- 2 *searchers.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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