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S. 3259

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and expand technical assistance and support for recovery community organizations and peer support networks, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Peer Support Services
5 Center of Excellence Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PEER-RUN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL**
 2 **ASSISTANCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR**
 3 **ADDICTION RECOVERY SUPPORT.**

4 Section 547A of the Public Health Service Act (42
 5 U.S.C. 290ee–2a) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**OF**
 7 **EXCELLENCE**” after “**CENTER**”;

8 (2) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by inserting “(referred to in this sec-
 10 tion as the ‘Secretary’)” after “Assistant Sec-
 11 retary”; and

12 (B) by inserting “of Excellence” after “As-
 13 sistance Center”;

14 (3) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “, in-
 16 cluding recovery housing” after “services”;

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
 18 through (5) as paragraphs (6) through (8), re-
 19 spectively; and

20 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 21 following:

22 “(3) professional development of the peer sup-
 23 port specialist workforce;

24 “(4) integration of peer support specialists and
 25 recovery support services into nonclinical settings;

1 “(5) bridging the gap between evidence-based
2 practices and practice-based evidence;”;

3 (4) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
4 subsections (e) and (f), respectively;

5 (5) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(d) PILOT PROGRAM.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
9 out a pilot program under which the Secretary shall
10 establish a regional center of excellence, to be known
11 as the National Peer-Run Training and Technical
12 Assistance Regional Center of Excellence for Addic-
13 tion Recovery Support (referred to in this subsection
14 as the ‘Regional Center of Excellence’), for a distinct
15 geographic region of the United States, as deter-
16 mined by the Secretary.

17 “(2) DUTIES.—The Regional Center of Excel-
18 lence shall provide the technical assistance and sup-
19 port described in subsection (b) in a manner that is
20 tailored to the needs of the region in which the Re-
21 gional Center of Excellence is located.

22 “(3) TERMINATION; RECOMMENDATIONS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The pilot program
24 under this subsection shall terminate on Sep-
25 tember 30, 2028.

1 “(B) RECOMMENDATIONS.—On termi-
2 nation of the pilot program under subparagraph
3 (A), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
4 report that makes recommendations on wheth-
5 er—

6 “(i) to make permanent the Regional
7 Center of Excellence; and

8 “(ii) to establish additional regional
9 centers of excellence in other distinct geo-
10 graphic regions of the United States.”; and

11 (6) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated), by
12 striking “\$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
13 through 2023” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each
14 of fiscal years 2024 through 2028”.

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