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H. R. 1735

To amend title XIX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for prevention and early intervention services under the Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Early Action and Re-
5 sponsiveness Lifts Youth Minds Act” or the “EARLY
6 Minds Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EARLY INTERVENTION.**

2 (a) STATE PLAN OPTION.—Section
3 1912(b)(1)(A)(vii) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300x–1(b)(1)(A)(vii)) is amended—

5 (1) in subclause (III), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in subclause (IV), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(V) a description of any evi-
11 dence-based prevention and early
12 intervention strategies and programs
13 the State provides to prevent, delay,
14 or reduce the severity and onset of
15 mental illness and behavioral prob-
16 lems, including for children and ado-
17 lescents, irrespective of experiencing a
18 serious mental illness or serious emo-
19 tional disturbance, as defined under
20 subsection (c)(1).”.

21 (b) ALLOCATION ALLOWANCE; REPORTS.—Section
22 1920 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–
23 9) is amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(e) PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERV-
25 ICES.—In the case of a State with a State plan that pro-
26 vides for strategies and programs specified in section

1 1912(b)(1)(A)(vii)(V), such State may expend not more
2 than 5 percent of the amount of the allotment of the State
3 pursuant to a funding agreement under section 1911 for
4 each fiscal year to support such strategies and programs.

5 “(f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
6 after the date of the enactment of the EARLY Minds Act,
7 and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall provide a re-
8 port to the Congress on the prevention and early interven-
9 tion strategies and programs pursued by States pursuant
10 to subsections (e). Each such report shall include—

11 “(1) a list of the States that utilized the option
12 to provide prevention and early intervention services;

13 “(2) a description of the each State’s preven-
14 tion and early intervention activities;

15 “(3) the population served, including informa-
16 tion on demographics, including age;

17 “(4) the outcomes of such activities, includ-
18 ing—

19 “(A) how such activities reduced delays in
20 access to mental and behavioral health care for
21 children and adults; and

22 “(B) how such activities reduced the sever-
23 ity of onset of serious mental illness and serious
24 emotional disturbance; and

1 “(5) any other relevant information the Sec-
2 retary deems necessary.”.

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