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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. OMAR, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, and Ms. LEE of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 17, 2019]

# **A BILL**

To address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth  
of color, and for other purposes.

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 “Pursuing Equity in*  
5 *Mental Health Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 *The table of contents for this Act is as follows:*

*Sec. 1. Short title.*

*Sec. 2. Table of contents.*

**TITLE I—HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Sec. 101. Integrated Health Care Demonstration Program.*

*Sec. 102. Addressing racial and ethnic minority mental health disparities re-*  
*search gaps.*

*Sec. 103. Health professions competencies to address racial and ethnic minority*  
*mental health disparities.*

*Sec. 104. Racial and ethnic minority behavioral and mental health outreach and*  
*education strategy.*

*Sec. 105. Additional funds for National Institutes of Health.*

*Sec. 106. Additional funds for National Institute on Minority Health and Health*  
*Disparities.*

**TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS**

*Sec. 201. Reauthorization of Minority Fellowship Program.*

*Sec. 202. Study on the Effects of Smartphone and Social Media Use on Adoles-*  
*cents.*

8 **TITLE I—HEALTH EQUITY AND**  
9 **ACCOUNTABILITY**

10 **SEC. 101. INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE DEMONSTRATION**  
11 **PROGRAM.**

12 *Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
13 *U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the*  
14 *following:*

1 **“SEC. 554. INTERPROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE TEAMS FOR**  
2 **PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE IN**  
3 **PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS.**

4 “(a) *GRANTS.*—*The Secretary shall award grants to*  
5 *eligible entities for the purpose of establishing interprofes-*  
6 *sional health care teams that provide behavioral health care.*

7 “(b) *ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.*—*To be eligible to receive a*  
8 *grant under this section, an entity shall be a Federally*  
9 *qualified health center (as defined in section 1861(aa) of*  
10 *the Social Security Act), rural health clinic, or behavioral*  
11 *health program, serving a high proportion of individuals*  
12 *from racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in sec-*  
13 *tion 1707(g)).*

14 “(c) *SCIENTIFICALLY BASED.*—*Integrated health care*  
15 *funded through this section shall be scientifically based, tak-*  
16 *ing into consideration the results of the most recent peer-*  
17 *reviewed research available.*

18 “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*To carry*  
19 *out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated*  
20 *\$20,000,000 for each of the first 5 fiscal years following the*  
21 *date of enactment of the Pursuing Equity in Mental Health*  
22 *Act.”.*

1 **SEC. 102. ADDRESSING RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY**  
2 **MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH**  
3 **GAPS.**

4 *Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment*  
5 *of this Act, the Director of the National Institutes of Health*  
6 *shall enter into an arrangement with the National Acad-*  
7 *emies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (or, if the Na-*  
8 *tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*  
9 *decline to enter into such an arrangement, the Patient-Cen-*  
10 *tered Outcomes Research Institute, the Agency for*  
11 *Healthcare Research and Quality, or another appropriate*  
12 *entity)—*

13 *(1) to conduct a study with respect to mental*  
14 *health disparities in racial and ethnic minority*  
15 *groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public*  
16 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6(g))); and*

17 *(2) to submit to the Congress a report on the re-*  
18 *sults of such study, including—*

19 *(A) a compilation of information on the dy-*  
20 *namics of mental disorders in such racial and*  
21 *ethnic minority groups; and*

22 *(B) a compilation of information on the*  
23 *impact of exposure to community violence, ad-*  
24 *verse childhood experiences, structural racism,*  
25 *and other psychological traumas on mental dis-*  
26 *orders in such racial and minority groups.*

1 **SEC. 103. HEALTH PROFESSIONS COMPETENCIES TO AD-**  
2 **DRESS RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY MEN-**  
3 **TAL HEALTH DISPARITIES.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Health and*  
5 *Human Services shall award grants to qualified national*  
6 *organizations for the purposes of—*

7 (1) *developing, and disseminating to health pro-*  
8 *fessional educational programs best practices or core*  
9 *competencies addressing mental health disparities*  
10 *among racial and ethnic minority groups for use in*  
11 *the training of students in the professions of social*  
12 *work, psychology, psychiatry, marriage and family*  
13 *therapy, mental health counseling, and substance mis-*  
14 *use counseling; and*

15 (2) *certifying community health workers and*  
16 *peer wellness specialists with respect to such best*  
17 *practices and core competencies and integrating and*  
18 *expanding the use of such workers and specialists into*  
19 *health care to address mental health disparities*  
20 *among racial and ethnic minority groups.*

21 (b) *BEST PRACTICES; CORE COMPETENCIES.*—*Organi-*  
22 *zations receiving funds under subsection (a) may use the*  
23 *funds to engage in the following activities related to the de-*  
24 *velopment and dissemination of best practices or core com-*  
25 *petencies described in subsection (a)(1):*

1           (1) *Formation of committees or working groups*  
2           *comprised of experts from accredited health profes-*  
3           *sions schools to identify best practices and core com-*  
4           *petencies relating to mental health disparities among*  
5           *racial and ethnic minority groups.*

6           (2) *Planning of workshops in national fora to*  
7           *allow for public input into the educational needs as-*  
8           *sociated with mental health disparities among racial*  
9           *and ethnic minority groups.*

10          (3) *Dissemination and promotion of the use of*  
11          *best practices or core competencies in undergraduate*  
12          *and graduate health professions training programs*  
13          *nationwide.*

14          (4) *Establishing external stakeholder advisory*  
15          *boards to provide meaningful input into policy and*  
16          *program development and best practices to reduce*  
17          *mental health disparities among racial and ethnic*  
18          *minority groups.*

19          (c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

20               (1) *QUALIFIED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.—The*  
21               *term “qualified national organization” means a na-*  
22               *tional organization that focuses on the education of*  
23               *students in one or more of the professions of social*  
24               *work, psychology, psychiatry, marriage and family*

1        *therapy, mental health counseling, and substance mis-*  
2        *use counseling.*

3                (2) *RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUP.*—*The*  
4        *term “racial and ethnic minority group” has the*  
5        *meaning given to such term in section 1707(g) of the*  
6        *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6(g)).*

7        **SEC. 104. RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY BEHAVIORAL AND**  
8                                **MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH AND EDU-**  
9                                **CATION STRATEGY.**

10        *Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
11        *U.S.C. 290dd et seq.), as amended by section 101, is further*  
12        *amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

13        **“SEC. 555. BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH**  
14                                **AND EDUCATION STRATEGY.**

15                *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in consulta-*  
16        *tion with advocacy and behavioral and mental health orga-*  
17        *nizations serving racial and ethnic minority groups, de-*  
18        *velop and implement an outreach and education strategy*  
19        *to promote behavioral and mental health and reduce stigma*  
20        *associated with mental health conditions and substance*  
21        *abuse among racial and ethnic minority groups. Such strat-*  
22        *egy shall—*

23                *“(1) be designed to—*



1           “(A) meet the diverse cultural and language  
2           needs of the various racial and ethnic minority  
3           groups; and

4           “(B) be developmentally and age-appro-  
5           priate;

6           “(2) increase awareness of symptoms of mental  
7           illnesses common among such groups, taking into ac-  
8           count differences within at-risk subgroups;

9           “(3) provide information on evidence-based, cul-  
10          turally and linguistically appropriate and adapted  
11          interventions and treatments;

12          “(4) ensure full participation of, and engage,  
13          both consumers and community members in the devel-  
14          opment and implementation of materials; and

15          “(5) seek to broaden the perspective among both  
16          individuals in these groups and stakeholders serving  
17          these groups to use a comprehensive public health ap-  
18          proach to promoting behavioral health that addresses  
19          a holistic view of health by focusing on the intersec-  
20          tion between behavioral and physical health.

21          “(b) *REPORTS*.—Beginning not later than 1 year after  
22          the date of the enactment of this section and annually there-  
23          after, the Secretary shall submit to Congress, and make pub-  
24          licly available, a report on the extent to which the strategy  
25          developed and implemented under subsection (a) increased

1 *behavioral and mental health outcomes associated with*  
2 *mental health conditions and substance abuse among racial*  
3 *and ethnic minority groups.*

4 “(c) *DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘racial*  
5 *and ethnic minority group’ has the meaning given to that*  
6 *term in section 1707(g).*

7 “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*  
8 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*  
9 *\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.”.*

10 **SEC. 105. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTES**  
11 **OF HEALTH.**

12 (a) *IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise*  
13 *authorized to be appropriated to the National Institutes of*  
14 *Health, there is authorized to be appropriated to such Insti-*  
15 *tutes \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through*  
16 *2025 to build relations with communities and conduct or*  
17 *support clinical research, including clinical research on ra-*  
18 *cial or ethnic disparities in physical and mental health.*

19 (b) *DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “clinical re-*  
20 *search” has the meaning given to such term in section 409*  
21 *of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284d).*

1 **SEC. 106. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE**  
2 **ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARI-**  
3 **TIES.**

4 *In addition to amounts otherwise authorized to be ap-*  
5 *propriated to the National Institute on Minority Health*  
6 *and Health Disparities, there is authorized to be appro-*  
7 *priated to such Institute \$650,000,000 for each of fiscal*  
8 *years 2021 through 2025.*

9 **TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS**

10 **SEC. 201. REAUTHORIZATION OF MINORITY FELLOWSHIP**  
11 **PROGRAM.**

12 *Section 597(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
13 *U.S.C. 297ll(c)) is amended by striking “\$12,669,000 for*  
14 *each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and inserting*  
15 *“\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025”.*

16 **SEC. 202. STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF SMARTPHONE AND**  
17 **SOCIAL MEDIA USE ON ADOLESCENTS.**

18 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*  
19 *of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and*  
20 *Human Services shall conduct or support research on—*

21 *(1) smartphone and social media use by adoles-*  
22 *cents; and*

23 *(2) the effects of such use on—*

24 *(A) emotional, behavioral, and physical*  
25 *health and development; and*

1                    (B) *disparities in minority and under-*  
2                    *served populations.*

3           (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 5 years after the date*  
4 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to*  
5 *the Congress, and make publicly available, a report on the*  
6 *findings of research described in this section.*

7 **SEC. 203. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

8           *Title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.*  
9 *290aa et seq.) is amended—*

10                   (1) *by redesignating the second section 550 (42*  
11 *U.S.C. 290ee–10) (relating to Sobriety Treatment*  
12 *And Recovery Teams) as section 553; and*

13                   (2) *by moving such section, as so redesignated,*  
14 *so as to appear after section 552 (42 U.S.C. 290ee–*  
15 *7).*