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[Report No. 119-]

To amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide  
Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2025

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY --, 2025

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 10, 2025]

# **A BILL**

To amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon  
Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “No Wrong Door for Vet-*  
5 *erans Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF STAFF**

7 **SERGEANT PARKER GORDON FOX SUICIDE**

8 **PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM OF DEPART-**

9 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 *(a) DURATION.—Section 201 of the Commander John*  
11 *Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement*  
12 *Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note)*  
13 *is amended, in subsection (j), by striking “the date that is*  
14 *three years after the date on which the first grant is award-*  
15 *ed under this section” and inserting “September 30, 2026”.*

16 *(b) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—Such section is fur-*  
17 *ther amended—*

18 *(1) in subsection (m)—*

19 *(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as*  
20 *paragraph (4);*

21 *(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*  
22 *lowing new paragraph (3):*

23 *“(3) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—In the case of*  
24 *an eligible individual who receives suicide prevention*  
25 *services provided or coordinated by an eligible entity*

1       *in receipt of a grant under this section, the eligible*  
2       *entity shall notify—*

3               “(A) *the eligible individual that the indi-*  
4               *vidual may be eligible for emergent suicide care*  
5               *under section 1720J of title 38, United States*  
6               *Code; and*

7               “(B) *the Secretary, if an eligible individual*  
8               *notified under subparagraph (A) elects to receive*  
9               *such emergent suicide care.”; and*

10              “(C) *in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by*  
11              *striking “(1) or (2)” and inserting “(1), (2), or*  
12              *(3)”;* and

13              *(2) in subsection (n)—*

14              “(A) *by inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—” be-*  
15              *fore “When” and adjusting the margins accord-*  
16              *ingly; and*

17              “(B) *by adding at the end the following new*  
18              *paragraph:*

19              “(2) *TIME FRAME.—If the Secretary does not*  
20              *provide services under paragraph (1) to an eligible*  
21              *individual during the 72-hour period following a re-*  
22              *ferral under subsection (m), such eligible individual*  
23              *shall be treated as eligible for emergent suicide care*  
24              *under section 1720J of title 38, United States Code.”.*

1       (c) *REAUTHORIZATION.*—*Such section is further*  
2 *amended, in subsection (p)—*

3           (1) *by striking “section a total of \$174,000,000*  
4 *for fiscal years 2021 through 2025.” and inserting*  
5 *“section—”; and*

6           (2) *by adding at the end the following new para-*  
7 *graphs:*

8           “*(1) a total of \$174,000,000 for fiscal years 2021*  
9 *through 2025; and*

10          “*(2) \$52,500,000 for fiscal year 2026.*”.

11       (d) *REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.*—*Such*  
12 *section is further amended, in subsection (q)(3)—*

13           (1) *by inserting “an entity that has continuously*  
14 *provided mental health care or support services in the*  
15 *United States during the two-year period before the*  
16 *date on which the entity applies for a grant under*  
17 *this section and that is” after “means”;*

18           (2) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “or founda-*  
19 *tion” and inserting “, foundation, or health care pro-*  
20 *vider”;* and

21           (3) *in subparagraph (E), by striking “A” and*  
22 *inserting “a”.*

23       (e) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO DEFINITIONS.*—*Such*  
24 *section is further amended, in subsection (q)(5), by striking*

1 “Medical services” and inserting “The term ‘emergency  
2 treatment’ means medical services”.

3 (f) *REQUIRED USE OF CERTAIN SCREENING PRO-*  
4 *TOCOL.*—Such section is further amended, in subsection  
5 (q)(11)(A)(ii), by inserting after “risk” the following: “,  
6 which in the case of a grant made on or after the date of  
7 the enactment of the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act, shall  
8 be the Columbia Protocol (also known as the Columbia-Sui-  
9 cide Severity Rating Scale)”.

10 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF ADAPTIVE PROSTHESES AND TER-**  
11 **MINAL DEVICES FOR SPORTS AND OTHER**  
12 **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MEDICAL**  
13 **SERVICES FURNISHED TO ELIGIBLE VET-**  
14 **ERANS BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**  
15 **FAIRS.**

16 Section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-  
17 ed, in paragraph (6)(F)(i), by inserting “(including adapt-  
18 ive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other rec-  
19 reational activities)” after “artificial limbs”.

20 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
21 **PENSION.**

22 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is  
23 amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting  
24 “January 30, 2033”.