

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7666
OFFERED BY M . _____**

At the end of title I, add the followin

1 **Subtitle F—Peer-Supported Mental**
2 **Health Services**

3 **SEC. 151. PEER-SUPPORTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

4 Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health
5 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb—31 et seq.) is amended by
6 inserting after section 520G (42 U.S.C. 290bb—38) the
7 following:

8 **“SEC. 520H. PEER-SUPPORTED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

9 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, acting
10 through the Director of the Center for Mental Health
11 Services, shall award grants to eligible entities to enable
12 such entities to develop, expand, and enhance access to
13 mental health peer-delivered services.

14 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-
15 section (a) shall be used to develop, expand, and enhance
16 national, statewide, or community-focused programs, in-
17 cluding virtual peer-support services and infrastructure,
18 including by—

1 “(1) carrying out workforce development, re-
2 cruitment, and retention activities, to train, recruit,
3 and retain peer-support providers;

4 “(2) building connections between mental
5 health treatment programs, including between com-
6 munity organizations and peer-support networks, in-
7 cluding virtual peer-support networks, and with
8 other mental health support services;

9 “(3) reducing stigma associated with mental
10 health disorders;

11 “(4) expanding and improving virtual peer men-
12 tal health support services, including adoption of
13 technologies to expand access to virtual peer mental
14 health support services, including by acquiring—

15 “(A) appropriate physical hardware for
16 such virtual services;

17 “(B) software and programs to efficiently
18 run peer-support services virtually; and

19 “(C) other technology for establishing vir-
20 tual waiting rooms and virtual video platforms
21 for meetings; and

22 “(5) conducting research on issues relating to
23 mental illness and the impact peer-support has on
24 resiliency, including identifying—

25 “(A) the signs of mental illness;

1 “(B) the resources available to individuals
2 with mental illness and to their families; and

3 “(C) the resources available to help sup-
4 port individuals living with mental illness.

5 “(c) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out this
6 section, the Secretary shall give special consideration to
7 the unique needs of rural areas.

8 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘eligible
9 entity’ means—

10 “(1) a nonprofit consumer-run organization
11 that—

12 “(A) is principally governed by people liv-
13 ing with a mental health condition; and

14 “(B) mobilizes resources within and out-
15 side of the mental health community, which
16 may include through peer-support networks, to
17 increase the prevalence and quality of long-term
18 wellness of individuals living with a mental
19 health condition, including those with a co-oc-
20 ccurring substance use disorder; or

21 “(2) a Federally recognized Tribe, Tribal orga-
22 nization, Urban Indian organization, or consortium
23 of Tribes or Tribal organizations.

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$13,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

