

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1667  
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Dr. Lorna Breen  
3 Health Care Provider Protection Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES.**

5       Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human  
7 Services (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall  
8 identify and disseminate evidence-based or evidence-in-  
9 formed best practices for preventing suicide and improving  
10 mental health and resiliency among health care profes-  
11 sionals, and for training health care professionals in ap-  
12 propriate strategies to promote their mental health. Such  
13 best practices shall include recommendations related to  
14 preventing suicide and improving mental health and resil-  
15 iency among health care professionals.

1 **SEC. 3. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVE ENCOUR-**  
2 **AGING USE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**  
3 **STANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES BY**  
4 **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation  
6 with relevant stakeholders, including medical professional  
7 associations, shall establish a national evidence-based or  
8 evidence-informed education and awareness initiative—

9 (1) to encourage health care professionals to  
10 seek support and care for their mental health or  
11 substance use concerns, to help such professionals  
12 identify risk factors associated with suicide and  
13 mental health conditions, and to help such profes-  
14 sionals learn how best to respond to such risks, with  
15 the goal of preventing suicide, mental health condi-  
16 tions, and substance use disorders; and

17 (2) to address stigma associated with seeking  
18 mental health and substance use disorder services.

19 (b) REPORTING.—Not later than 2 years after the  
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide  
21 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-  
22 sions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and  
23 Commerce of the House of Representatives an update on  
24 the activities and outcomes of the initiative under sub-  
25 section (a), including a description of quantitative and

1 qualitative metrics used to evaluate such activities and  
2 outcomes.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
4 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated  
5 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

6 **SEC. 4. PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG**  
7 **THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.**

8 Subpart I of part E of title VII of the Public Health  
9 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by add-  
10 ing at the end the following:

11 **“SEC. 764. PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH**  
12 **AMONG THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORK-**  
13 **FORCE.**

14 “(a) PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH  
15 AMONG HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
17 grants or contracts to health care entities, including  
18 entities that provide health care services, such as  
19 hospitals, community health centers, and rural  
20 health clinics, or to medical professional associa-  
21 tions, to establish or enhance evidence-based or evi-  
22 dence-informed programs dedicated to improving  
23 mental health and resiliency for health care profes-  
24 sionals.

1           “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiv-  
2           ing a grant or contract under this subsection shall  
3           use funds received through the grant or contract to  
4           implement a new program or enhance an existing  
5           program to promote mental health among health  
6           care professionals, which may include—

7                   “(A) improving awareness among health  
8                   care professionals about risk factors for, and  
9                   signs of, suicide and mental health or substance  
10                  use disorders, in accordance with evidence-  
11                  based or evidence-informed practices;

12                  “(B) establishing new, or enhancing exist-  
13                  ing, evidence-based or evidence-informed pro-  
14                  grams for preventing suicide and improving  
15                  mental health and resiliency among health care  
16                  professionals;

17                  “(C) establishing new, or enhancing exist-  
18                  ing, peer-support programs among health care  
19                  professionals; or

20                  “(D) providing mental health care, follow-  
21                  up services and care, or referral for such serv-  
22                  ices and care, as appropriate.

23           “(3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants and con-  
24           tracts under this subsection, the Secretary shall give

1 priority to eligible entities in health professional  
2 shortage areas or rural areas.

3 “(b) TRAINING GRANTS.—The Secretary may estab-  
4 lish a program to award grants to health professions  
5 schools, academic health centers, State or local govern-  
6 ments, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, or other ap-  
7 propriate public or private nonprofit entities (or consortia  
8 of entities, including entities promoting multidisciplinary  
9 approaches) to support the training of health care stu-  
10 dents, residents, or health care professionals in evidence-  
11 based or evidence-informed strategies to address mental  
12 and substance use disorders and improve mental health  
13 and resiliency among health care professionals.

14 “(c) GRANT TERMS.—A grant or contract awarded  
15 under subsection (a) or (b) shall be for a period of 3 years.

16 “(d) APPLICATION SUBMISSION.—An entity seeking  
17 a grant or contract under subsection (a) or (b) shall sub-  
18 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such  
19 manner, and accompanied by such information as the Sec-  
20 retary may require.

21 “(e) REPORTING.—An entity awarded a grant or con-  
22 tract under subsection (a) or (b) shall periodically submit  
23 to the Secretary a report evaluating the activities sup-  
24 ported by the grant or contract.

1       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
2 carry out this section and section 5 of the Dr. Lorna  
3 Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, there are au-  
4 thorized to be appropriated \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal  
5 years 2022 through 2024.”.

6       **SEC. 5. REVIEW WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH CARE PROFES-**  
7                               **SIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCY.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consulta-  
10 tion with relevant stakeholders, shall—

11               (1) conduct a review on improving health care  
12 professional mental health and the outcomes of pro-  
13 grams authorized under this Act; and

14               (2) submit a report to the Congress on the re-  
15 sults of such review.

16       (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The review under subsection  
17 (a) shall take into account—

18               (1) the prevalence and severity of mental health  
19 conditions among health professionals, and factors  
20 that contribute to those mental health conditions;

21               (2) barriers to seeking and accessing mental  
22 health care for health care professionals, which may  
23 include consideration of stigma and licensing con-  
24 cerns, and actions taken by State licensing boards,  
25 schools for health professionals, health care profes-

1 sional training associations, hospital associations, or  
2 other organizations, as appropriate, to address such  
3 barriers;

4 (3) the impact of the COVID–19 public health  
5 emergency on the mental health of health care pro-  
6 fessionals and lessons learned for future public  
7 health emergencies;

8 (4) factors that promote mental health and re-  
9 siliency among health care professionals, including  
10 programs or strategies to strengthen mental health  
11 and resiliency among health care professionals; and

12 (5) the efficacy of health professional training  
13 programs that promote resiliency and improve men-  
14 tal health.

15 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The review under sub-  
16 section (a), as appropriate, shall identify best practices re-  
17 lated to, and make recommendations to address—

18 (1) improving mental health and resiliency  
19 among health care professionals;

20 (2) removing barriers to mental health care for  
21 health care professionals; and

22 (3) strategies to promote resiliency among  
23 health care professionals in health care settings.

1 **SEC. 6. GAO REPORT.**

2 Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
4 shall submit to the Congress a report on the extent to  
5 which Federal substance use disorder and mental health  
6 grant programs address the prevalence and severity of  
7 mental health conditions and substance use disorders  
8 among health professionals. Such report shall—

9 (1) include an analysis of available evidence and  
10 data related to such conditions and programs; and

11 (2) assess whether there are duplicative goals  
12 and objectives among such grant programs.

