

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 498
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “9–8–8 Lifeline Cyber-
3 security Responsibility Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. PROTECTING SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
5 FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS.**

6 (a) NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE PRO-
7 GRAM.—Section 520E–3(b) of the Public Health Service
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c(b)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
10 end;

11 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
12 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

14 “(6) coordinating with the Chief Information
15 Security Officer of the Department of Health and
16 Human Services to take such steps as may be nec-
17 essary to ensure the program is protected from cy-

1 bersecurity incidents and eliminates known cyberse-
2 curity vulnerabilities.”.

3 (b) REPORTING.—Section 520E–3 of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
6 section (g); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(f) CYBERSECURITY REPORTING.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The program’s net-
12 work administrator receiving Federal funding
13 pursuant to subsection (a) shall report to the
14 Assistant Secretary, in a manner that protects
15 personal privacy, consistent with applicable
16 Federal and State privacy laws—

17 “(i) any identified cybersecurity
18 vulnerabilities to the program immediately
19 upon identification of such a vulnerability;
20 and

21 “(ii) any identified cybersecurity inci-
22 dents to the program immediately upon
23 identification of such incident.

24 “(B) LOCAL AND REGIONAL CRISIS CEN-
25 TERS.—Local and regional crisis centers par-

1 ticipating in the program shall report to the
2 program’s network administrator identified in
3 subparagraph (A), in a manner that protects
4 personal privacy, consistent with applicable
5 Federal and State privacy laws—

6 “(i) any identified cybersecurity
7 vulnerabilities to the program immediately
8 upon identification of such vulnerability;
9 and

10 “(ii) any identified cybersecurity inci-
11 dents to the program immediately upon
12 identification of such incident.

13 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the program’s network
14 administrator receiving funding pursuant to sub-
15 section (a) discovers, or is informed by a local or re-
16 gional crisis center pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) of,
17 a cybersecurity vulnerability, incident, such entity
18 shall immediately report that discovery to the Assist-
19 ant Secretary.

20 “(3) CLARIFICATION.—

21 “(A) OVERSIGHT.—

22 “(i) LOCAL AND REGIONAL CRISIS
23 CENTER.—Except as provided in clause
24 (ii), local and regional crisis centers par-
25 ticipating in the program shall oversee all

1 technology each center employs in the pro-
2 vision of services as a participant in the
3 program.

4 “(ii) NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR.—
5 The program’s network administrator re-
6 ceiving Federal funding pursuant to sub-
7 section (a) shall oversee the technology
8 each crisis center employs in the provision
9 of services as a participant in the program
10 if such oversight responsibilities are estab-
11 lished in the applicable network participa-
12 tion agreement.

13 “(B) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The
14 cybersecurity incident reporting requirements
15 under this subsection shall supplement, and not
16 supplant, cybersecurity incident reporting re-
17 quirements under other provisions of applicable
18 Federal law that are in effect on the date of the
19 enactment of the 9–8–8 Lifeline Cybersecurity
20 Responsibility Act.”.

21 (c) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
23 the United States shall—

24 (1) conduct and complete a study that evaluates
25 cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated

1 with the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
2 and
3 (2) submit a report of the findings of such
4 study to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
5 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
7 ate.

