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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A BILL

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Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Depart-
ment 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
5 Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF STAFF**
2 **SERGEANT PARKER GORDON FOX SUICIDE**
3 **PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM OF DEPART-**
4 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) DURATION.—Section 201 of the Commander
6 John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Im-
7 provement Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C.
8 1720F note) is amended, in subsection (j), by striking
9 “the date that is three years after the date on which the
10 first grant is awarded under this section” and inserting
11 “September 30, 2026”.

12 (b) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—Such section is fur-
13 ther amended—

14 (1) in subsection (m)—

15 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
16 paragraph (4);

17 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
18 following new paragraph (3):

19 “(3) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—In the case of
20 an eligible individual who receives suicide prevention
21 services provided or coordinated by an eligible entity
22 in receipt of a grant under this section, the eligible
23 entity shall notify—

24 “(A) the eligible individual that the indi-
25 vidual may be eligible for emergent suicide care

1 under section 1720J of title 38, United States
2 Code; and

3 “(B) the Secretary, if an eligible individual
4 notified under subparagraph (A) elects to re-
5 ceive such emergent suicide care.”; and

6 (C) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated,
7 by striking “(1) or (2)” and inserting “(1), (2),
8 or (3)”; and
9 (2) in subsection (n)—

10 (A) by moving the text beginning with
11 “When” and ending with “provision of law.” to
12 appear as a paragraph (1) and adjusting the
13 margins accordingly;

14 (B) by inserting “IN GENERAL.—” before
15 “When”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

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

24 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Such section is further
25 amended, in subsection (p)—

1 (1) by striking “section a total of \$174,000,000
2 for fiscal years 2021 through 2025.” and inserting
3 “section”; and by adding at the end the following
4 new paragraphs:

5 “(1) a total of \$174,000,000 for fiscal years
6 2021 through 2025; and

7 “(2) \$52,500,000 for fiscal year 2026.”.

8 (d) REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Such
9 section is further amended, in subsection (q)(3)—

10 (1) by inserting “an entity that has continu-
11 ously provided mental health care or support serv-
12 ices in the United States during the two-year period
13 before the date on which the entity applies for a
14 grant under this section” after “means”;

15 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or foun-
16 dation” and inserting “, foundation, or health care
17 provider”; and

18 (3) in subparagraph (E), by striking “A” and
19 inserting “a”.

20 (e) TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO DEFINITIONS.—
21 Such section is further amended, in subsection (q)(5), by
22 striking “Medical services” and inserting “The term
23 ‘emergency treatment’ means medical services”.

24 (f) REQUIRED USE OF CERTAIN SCREENING PRO-
25 TOCOL.—Such section is further amended, in subsection

1 (q)(11)(A)(ii), by inserting after “risk” the following: “,
2 which in the case of a grant made on or after the date
3 of the enactment of the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act,
4 shall be the Columbia Protocol (also known as the Colum-
5 bia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale).”.