

Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 5272, With Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5272

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2018

Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. GIBBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. GUIDANCE FROM NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH**
2 **AND SUBSTANCE USE POLICY LABORATORY.**

3 Section 501A(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 290aa-0(b)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

10 “(7) issue and periodically update guidance for
11 entities applying for grants from the Substance
12 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in
13 order to—

14 “(A) encourage the funding of evidence-
15 based practices;

16 “(B) encourage the replication of prom-
17 ising or effective practices; and

18 “(C) inform applicants on how to best ar-
19 ticulate the rationale for the funding of a pro-
20 gram or activity.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide ad-
ditional guidance to grantees seeking funding to treat or
prevent mental health or substance use disorders.”.