

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1543

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy.

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 “Suicide Training and
5 Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention
6 Act of 2021” or the “STANDUP Act of 2021”.

7 **SEC. 2. STUDENT SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**
8 **TRAINING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Public Health Serv-
10 ice Act is amended by inserting after section 520A of such
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–32) the following:

12 **“SEC. 520B. STUDENT SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVEN-**
13 **TION TRAINING.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In awarding funds under section
15 520A, the Secretary shall give priority to applications
16 under such section from a State educational agency, local
17 educational agency, or Tribal educational agency, sub-
18 mitted directly or through a State or Indian Tribe, for
19 funding for activities in secondary schools, where such
20 agency has implemented, or includes in such application
21 a plan to implement, a student suicide awareness and pre-
22 vention training policy, which may include applicable
23 youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies
24 implemented through section 520E—

1 “(1) establishing and implementing a school-
2 based student suicide awareness and prevention
3 training policy in accordance with subsection (c);

4 “(2) consulting with stakeholders (including
5 principals, teachers, parents, local Tribal officials,
6 and other relevant experts) and, as appropriate, uti-
7 lizing information, models, and other resources made
8 available by the Suicide Prevention Technical Assist-
9 ance Center authorized under section 520C in the
10 development of the policy under paragraph (1); and

11 “(3) collecting and reporting information in ac-
12 cordance with subsection (d).

13 “(b) CONSIDERATION.—In giving priority to appli-
14 cants as described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall,
15 as appropriate, take into consideration the incidence and
16 prevalence of suicide in the applicable jurisdiction and the
17 costs of establishing and implementing, as applicable, a
18 school-based student suicide awareness and prevention
19 training policy.

20 “(c) SCHOOL-BASED STUDENT SUICIDE AWARENESS
21 AND PREVENTION TRAINING POLICY.—A school-based
22 student suicide awareness and prevention training policy
23 implemented pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall—

24 “(1) be evidence-based;

1 “(2) be culturally- and linguistically-appro-
2 priate;

3 “(3) provide evidence-based training to students
4 in grades 6 through 12, in coordination with school-
5 based mental health resources, as applicable, regard-
6 ing—

7 “(A) suicide prevention education and
8 awareness, including associated risk factors;

9 “(B) methods that students can use to
10 seek help; and

11 “(C) student resources for suicide aware-
12 ness and prevention; and

13 “(4) provide for periodic retraining of such stu-
14 dents.

15 “(d) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND REPORT-
16 ING.—Each State educational agency, local educational
17 agency, and Tribal educational agency that receives pri-
18 ority to implement a new training policy pursuant to sub-
19 section (a)(1) shall report to the Secretary the following
20 aggregated information, in a manner that protects per-
21 sonal privacy, consistent with applicable Federal and State
22 privacy laws:

23 “(1) The number of trainings conducted, in-
24 cluding the number of student trainings conducted,
25 and the training delivery method used.

1 “(2) The number of students trained,
2 disaggregated by age and grade level.

3 “(3) The number of help-seeking reports made
4 by students after implementation of such policy.

5 “(e) EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM AVAILABILITY.—
6 The Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary of Edu-
7 cation and the Secretary of the Interior to—

8 “(1) make publicly available the policies estab-
9 lished by State educational agencies, local edu-
10 cational agencies, and Tribal educational agencies
11 pursuant to this section and the training that is
12 available to students and teams pursuant to such
13 policies, in accordance with section 543A; and

14 “(2) provide technical assistance and dissemi-
15 nate best practices on student suicide awareness and
16 prevention training policies, including through the
17 Suicide Prevention Technical Assistance Center au-
18 thorized under section 520C, as applicable, to State
19 educational agencies, local educational agencies, and
20 Tribal agencies.

21 “(f) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than September
22 30, 2024, the Secretary shall report to the Committee on
23 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
24 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
25 of Representatives the number of recipients of funds under

1 section 520A who have implemented training policies de-
2 scribed in subsection (a)(1) and a summary of the infor-
3 mation received under subsection (d).

4 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) The term ‘evidence-based’ has the meaning
6 given such term in section 8101 of the Elementary
7 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

8 “(2) The term ‘local educational agency’ has
9 the meaning given to such term in section 8101 of
10 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
11 1965.

12 “(3) The term ‘State educational agency’ has
13 the meaning given to such term in section 8101 of
14 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
15 1965.

16 “(4) The term ‘Tribal educational agency’ has
17 the meaning given to the term ‘tribal educational
18 agency’ in section 6132 of the Elementary and Sec-
19 ondary Education Act of 1965.”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendment made by this Act shall apply only
22 with respect to applications for assistance under section
23 520A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–

1 32) that are submitted after the date of enactment of this
2 Act.

Passed the Senate December 14, 2021.

Attest:

Secretary.

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