

COMMITTEE PRINT

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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1877

To amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants
for mental health first aid training programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2015

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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to authorize grants for mental health first aid training
programs.

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 “Mental Health First
5 Aid Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING GRANTS.**

2 Section 520J of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 290bb–41) is amended—

4 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**MEN-**
5 **TAL HEALTH AWARENESS**” before “**TRAINING**”;
6 and

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
9 “ILLNESS” and inserting “HEALTH”;

10 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, vet-
11 erans, law enforcement, and other categories of
12 individuals, as determined by the Secretary,”
13 after “emergency services personnel”;

14 (C) in paragraph (5)—

15 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
16 graph (A), by striking “to” and inserting
17 “for at least evidence-based programs that
18 provide education to teachers, personnel,
19 and other categories of individuals de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1) on”; and

21 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A)
22 through (C) and inserting the following:

23 “(A) recognizing the signs and symptoms
24 of mental illness;

1 “(B) resources available in the community
2 for individuals with a mental illness and other
3 relevant resources; and

4 “(C) the safe de-escalation of crisis situa-
5 tions involving individuals with a mental ill-
6 ness.”; and

7 (D) in paragraph (7), by striking “,
8 \$25,000,000” and all that follows through the
9 period at the end and inserting “\$14,963,000
10 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.