116TH CONGRESS
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H.R. 7316

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment or operation of a center to be known as the Emergency Mental Health and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance Center.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Rose of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER.

Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.) is amended by
inserting after section 520A (42 U.S.C. 290bb–32) the fol-
lowing:

“SEC. 520B. EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-
STANCE USE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL AS-
SISTANCE CENTER.

“(a) Establishment.—The Secretary, acting
through the Assistant Secretary, shall establish or operate
a center to be known as the Emergency Mental Health
and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance
Center (referred to in this section as the ‘Center’) to pro-
vide technical assistance and support—

“(1) to public or nonprofit entities seeking to
establish or expand access to mental health and sub-
stance use prevention, treatment, and recovery sup-
port services, and increase awareness of such serv-
ices; and

“(2) to public health professionals, health care
professionals and support staff, essential workers (as
defined by a State, Tribe, locality, or territory), and
members of the public to address the trauma, stress,
and mental health needs associated with an emer-
gency period.

“(b) Assistance and Support.—The assistance
and support provided under subsection (a) shall include
assistance and support with respect to—
“(1) training on identifying signs of trauma, stress, and mental health needs;

“(2) providing accessible resources to assist individuals and families experiencing trauma, stress, or other mental health needs during and after an emergency period;

“(3) providing resources for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery designed to assist individuals and families during and after an emergency period;

“(4) the provision of language access services, including translation services, interpretation, or other such services for individuals with limited English speaking proficiency or individuals with disabilities; and

“(5) evaluation and improvement, as necessary, of the effectiveness of such services provided by public or nonprofit entities.

“(c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Center shall periodically issue best practices for use by organizations seeking to provide mental health services or substance use disorder prevention, treatment, or recovery services, including best practices for the following special populations:

“(1) Incarcerated individuals.

“(2) Children.
“(3) Pregnant women.

“(4) Underserved populations.

“(5) Communities of color.

“(6) Health care providers and essential workers.

“(d) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—In this section, the term ‘emergency period’ has the meaning given such term in section 1135(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.”.