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Mental Health Services in Public Health Emergencies Act

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Mental Health Services in Public Health Emergencies Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services, to make grants to: (1) states and political subdivisions to provide mental health services in response to public health emergencies; and (2) states to develop statewide plans for providing such services and to train personnel to implement such plan effectively.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director, to establish the National Mental Health Crisis Response Technical Assistance Center to: (1) provide consultation and technical assistance to the Director and state and local governments on developing and implementing plans for providing mental health services in response to public health emergencies; (2) develop policy guidelines on mental health concerns related to crisis incidents and develop recommendations for proposed regulations and legislative proposals; (3) develop and conduct training events and conferences on mental health needs of disaster victims and witnesses; (4) serve as the principal clearinghouse for information concerning the mental health aspects of public health emergencies; and (5) provide onsite technical expertise during public health emergencies.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director, to award grants for the training of health professionals with respect to the treatment of individuals who are victims of disaster.

Actions Timeline

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