

# HR 6948

Mental Health on Campus Improvement Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Health
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## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 18, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 18, 2008

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Health

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3311		<b>Jul 23, 2008:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7151-7153)

Mental Health on Campus Improvement Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to eligible institutions of higher education to improve mental and behavioral health services and outreach on college and university campuses.

Directs the Secretary to give special consideration to programs that: (1) demonstrate the greatest need; (2) propose effective approaches for initiating or expanding campus services; (3) target underserved and at-risk populations; (4) coordinate with a community mental health center or other community mental health resources; (5) identify how the college or university will address psychiatric emergencies; and (6) demonstrate the greatest potential for replication and dissemination.

Allows the Secretary to provide technical assistance to grantees.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the Administrator, to convene an interagency, public-private sector working group to plan, establish, and begin coordinating and evaluating a targeted public education campaign that is designed to focus on mental and behavioral health on college campuses.

Requires the Secretary to establish the College Campus Task Force to discuss mental and behavioral health concerns on college and university campuses.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 18, 2008: Introduced in House
- Sep 18, 2008: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- Sep 18, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.