

S 3325

Mental Health First Aid Higher Education Act of 2012

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 23, 2012
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 2, 2012
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Sep 19, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 21, 2012

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 5996	Identical bill	Sep 26, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

Mental Health First Aid Higher Education Act of 2012 - Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to carry out a demonstration program awarding grants to 10 institutions of higher education (IHEs) to implement a mental health first aid training program.

Directs that training toward: (1) on-campus counseling center personnel; (2) dormitory resident advisers; (3) members of threat assessment and disciplinary committees; (4) faculty members; (5) coaches and other athletic department employees; (6) members of threat assessment teams; and (7) other administrators and personnel of the IHE, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

Requires that the program be designed to train those individuals to: (1) safely ameliorate crisis situations, (2) recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness, and (3) refer students to mental health services in the early stages of developing mental disorders so they can avoid more costly behavioral health care down the road and stay enrolled in school.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4419-4420)
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.