

HR 5996

Mental Health First Aid Higher Education Act of 2012

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. (Sep 26, 2012)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2012
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3325	Identical bill	Jun 21, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

- **Sep 26, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Jun 22, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.