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Strengthening Mental Health in Our Communities Act of 2014

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 20, 2014
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 13, 2014
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 21, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2014
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2014
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 195	Related bill	Dec 9, 2014: Committee on the Judiciary Senate Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-894.
113 S 162	Related bill	May 21, 2014: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S3195-3196)
113 HR 4234	Related bill	Mar 24, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 S 1815	Related bill	Dec 12, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
113 HR 3662	Related bill	Dec 6, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 HR 1725	Related bill	May 8, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 HR 1037	Related bill	Mar 8, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 HR 401	Related bill	Feb 28, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.
113 HR 628	Related bill	Feb 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Strengthening Mental Health in Our Communities Act of 2014 - Establishes the White House Office of Mental Health Policy to monitor federal mental health activities and develop a National Strategy for Mental Health, a comprehensive plan to provide services to individuals with mental illness.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize through FY 2019 various mental health grant programs, including programs for youth suicide prevention, homeless individuals, and diverting individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system.

Replaces youth interagency research, training, and technical assistance centers with a suicide prevention technical assistance center and authorizes the center through FY2019.

Revises and extends through FY2019 grant programs to provide: (1) comprehensive community mental health services for children with serious emotional disturbances, and (2) for continued operation of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI).

Requires the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to create a national media public service campaign to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

Directs SAMHSA to award grants to states to create a Web-based acute psychiatric bed registry to facilitate the placement and treatment of individuals in psychiatric crisis.

Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require coverage of antidepressant and antipsychotic drugs.

Eliminates Medicare's 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services.

Expands Medicare coverage to include marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services.

Authorizes through FY2019 additional appropriations for National Health Service Corps scholarships and loan repayments to ensure an adequate supply of behavioral and mental health professionals.

Native American Psychiatric and Mental Health Care Improvement Act - Directs the Secretary to award one grant to a medical school to recruit and train psychiatric physicians for Indian health programs. Makes participating physicians eligible for the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program.

Adds occupational therapists to the National Health Service Corps to address shortages in health professional shortage areas.

Requires the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health to conduct or support research on the causes, prevention, and treatment of serious mental illness and violence associated with mental illness.

Allows the Director of the National Institutes of Health to establish a Youth Mental Health Research Network to conduct or support youth mental health research and intervention services.

Revises and extends through FY2019 a program for children dealing with violence.

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend through FY2019 collaboration program

grants and expand assistance to veterans and inmates with mental illness.

Applies Medicaid, Medicare, and Medicare Advantage incentives for implementation of electronic health records to specified mental health professionals and facilities.

Requires the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to provide individuals enlisting in the Armed Forces with a mental health assessment to be used as a baseline for subsequent assessments.

Directs DOD to furnish needed care for mental illness to any veteran who served on active duty in a combat zone.

Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a pilot program for repaying student loans in exchange for service as a psychiatrist in the Veterans Health Administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jun 20, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 13, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **May 16, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **May 9, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 6, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Education and the Workforce, and Natural Resources, 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.