

HR 4861

Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sep 30, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 2, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 5, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 12, 2020
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 15, 2020
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Sep 14, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2019
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 S 3006	Related bill	Dec 10, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Sep 29, 2020)

Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2020

This bill establishes a competitive grant program for up to 40 hospitals with emergency departments and certain on-site professionals to help connect patients in emergency departments who are at risk of suicide with treatment and mental health services. Grants may be used to train emergency department providers and establish certain policies and procedures related to the identification, assessment, and treatment of, and care coordination for, individuals who are at risk of suicide. In awarding the grants, the Department of Health and Human Services may give preference to specified types of hospitals, such as critical access hospitals and hospitals in areas with suicide rates higher than the national average.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-543.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 443.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5017-5019)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4861.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5017)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 30, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
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