

HR 5619

Suicide Prevention Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sep 22, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 17, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Sep 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 16, 2020
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 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 3198	Identical bill	Jan 15, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S247)

Suicide Prevention Act

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish two grant programs to prevent self-harm and suicide.

First, HHS must award grants to state, local, and tribal health departments to expand surveillance of self-harm. In awarding these grants, HHS must prioritize recipients in areas that experience rates of nonfatal suicidal behavior that are above the national average and must take into account other factors such as the unique needs of rural communities. As a condition of receiving this funding, recipients must agree to share data on suicide and self-harm with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Second, HHS must award grants to hospital emergency departments for programs to prevent suicide attempts among patients after discharge, including programs for screening patients for self-harm and suicide and providing short-term preventive services, as appropriate. In addition, HHS must develop standards of practice for such screenings.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Mrs. Dingell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4633-4635)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5619.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4633-4634)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 18, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-520.
- **Sep 18, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 420.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 30, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 16, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.