

## HR 6709

### Improving Mental Health in Schools Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Feb 11, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Feb 11, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 11, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Feb 11, 2022)

#### Improving Mental Health in Schools Act

This bill includes certain mental health professionals as specialized instructional support personnel for purposes of elementary and secondary education.

Specifically, the bill revises the definition of *specialized instructional support personnel* in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include qualified mental health professionals involved in providing mental health services for students. These professionals include, among others, marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, and clinical psychologists.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 11, 2022:** Introduced in House
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