

HR 3817

Mental Health Workforce and Language Access Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1784	Identical bill	May 31, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HR 3189	Related bill	May 12, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Mental Health Workforce and Language Access Act of 2023

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award supplemental grants to certain federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) for recruiting and retaining mental health care providers who are fluent in another language besides English.

HHS must award the grants to FQHCs that are already receiving federal assistance to support outpatient primary care for low-income individuals or other underserved populations. Additionally, HHS must give preference to FQHCs where at least 10% of the patients are best served in a language other than English.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 5, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 5, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.