

HR 822

Student Mental Health Helpline Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 2, 2023

Current Status: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Ms. Bonamici asked unanimous consent that she may hereafter be considered

Latest Action: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Ms. Bonamici asked unanimous consent that she may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 822, a bill originally introduced by Representative Stewart, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection. (Nov 9, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 2, 2023
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Jun 11, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Unknown	Feb 10, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Student Mental Health Helpline Act

This bill authorizes grants to support student mental health and safety helplines (i.e., a free, confidential service that is accessible via telephone and other communication platforms that assists students facing challenges with abuse, bullying, depression, self-harm, and related issues). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) may award the grants to agencies or other subdivisions of a state, Indian tribe, or local government that are primarily responsible for health, public health, or education.

Recipients must use funds to establish or maintain a helpline that provides information to school officials (to the extent permitted by federal privacy standards for health information) about student mental health and safety concerns and related activities.

The bill also requires SAMHSA to report on the feasibility of setting up a nationally available student mental health and safety helpline.

Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 10, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.