

**AMENDMENT TO  
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At the end of title IV, add the following new subtitle:

1           **Subtitle D—Mental Health in**  
2           **Schools Excellence Program**

3   **SEC. 431. PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-PRIVATE CON-**  
4                   **TRIBUTIONS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABLE**  
5                   **WORKFORCE OF SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL**  
6                   **HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

7           (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall  
8 carry out a program under which eligible graduate institu-  
9 tions may enter into an agreement with the Secretary to  
10 cover a portion of the cost of attendance of a participating  
11 student, which contributions shall be matched by equiva-  
12 lent contributions towards such cost of attendance by the  
13 Secretary.

14           (b) DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM.—The program  
15 under this section shall be known as the “Mental Health  
16 in Schools Excellence Program”.

1 (c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall enter into an  
2 agreement with each eligible graduate institution seeking  
3 to participate in the program under this section. Each  
4 agreement shall specify the following:

5 (1) The manner (whether by direct grant, schol-  
6 arship, or otherwise) in which the eligible graduate  
7 institution will contribute to the cost of attendance  
8 of a participating student.

9 (2) The maximum amount of the contribution  
10 to be made by the eligible graduate institution with  
11 respect to any particular participating student in  
12 any given academic year.

13 (3) The maximum number of individuals for  
14 whom the eligible graduate institution will make con-  
15 tributions in any given academic year.

16 (4) That the eligible graduate institution, in se-  
17 lecting participating students to receive assistance  
18 under the program, shall prioritize the participating  
19 students described in subsection (d)(2).

20 (5) Such other matters as the Secretary and  
21 the eligible graduate institution determine appro-  
22 priate.

23 (d) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall—

24 (1) make publicly available and periodically up-  
25 date on the internet website of the Department of

1 Education a list of the eligible graduate institutions  
2 participating in the program under this section that  
3 shall specify, for each such graduate institution, ap-  
4 propriate information on the agreement between the  
5 Secretary and such college or university under sub-  
6 section (c); and

7 (2) conduct outreach about the program under  
8 this section to participating students who, as under-  
9 graduates—

10 (A) received a Federal Pell Grant under  
11 section 401 of the Higher Education Act of  
12 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a); or

13 (B) attended an institution listed in section  
14 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
15 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

16 (e) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Secretary may  
17 provide a contribution of up to 50 percent of the cost of  
18 attendance of a participating student if the eligible grad-  
19 uate institution at which such student is enrolled enters  
20 into an agreement under subsection (c) with the Secretary  
21 to match such contribution.

22 **SEC. 432. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this subtitle:

24 (1) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—The term “cost of  
25 attendance” has the meaning given the term in sec-

1       tion 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
2       U.S.C. 10871l).

3           (2) ELIGIBLE GRADUATE INSTITUTION.—The  
4       term “eligible graduate institution” means an insti-  
5       tution of higher education in that offers a program  
6       of study that leads to a graduate degree—

7           (A) in school psychology that is accredited  
8       or approved by the National Association of  
9       School Psychologists’ Program Accreditation  
10      Board or the Commission on Accreditation of  
11      the American Psychological Association and  
12      that prepares students in such program for the  
13      State licensing or certification examination in  
14      school psychology at the specialist level;

15          (B) in an accredited school counseling pro-  
16      gram that prepares students in such program  
17      for the State licensing or certification examina-  
18      tion in school counseling;

19          (C) in school social work that is accredited  
20      by the Council on Social Work Education and  
21      that prepares students in such program for the  
22      State licensing or certification examination in  
23      school social work;

24          (D) in another school-based mental health  
25      field that prepares students in such program

1           for the State licensing or certification examina-  
2           tion in such field, if applicable; or

3                   (E) in any combination of study described  
4           in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

5           (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
6           term “institution of higher education” has the  
7           meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
8           er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001), but ex-  
9           cludes any institution of higher education described  
10          in section 102(a)(1)(C) of such Act.

11          (4) PARTICIPATING STUDENT.—The term “par-  
12          ticipating student” means an individual who is en-  
13          rolled in a graduate degree program in a school-  
14          based mental health field at a participating eligible  
15          graduate institution.

16          (5) SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH FIELD.—  
17          The term “school-based mental health field” means  
18          each of the following fields:

19                   (A) School counseling.

20                   (B) School social work.

21                   (C) School psychology.

22                   (D) Any other field of study that leads to  
23          employment as a school-based mental health  
24          services provider, as determined by the Sec-  
25          retary.

1           (6) SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
2           PROVIDER.—The term “school-based mental health  
3           services provider” has the meaning given the term in  
4           section 4102 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
5           cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7112).

6           (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7           the Secretary of Education.

