

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. HILL OF ARKANSAS**

Page 475, line 13, strike “Section 7522” and insert the following:

1 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7522

Page 476, after line 19, add the following:

2 (b) FARMER ASSISTANCE, RESILIENCE, AND MEN-  
3 TAL HEALTH EVALUATION RESEARCH STUDY.—

4 (1) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 shall, in coordination with the regional lead institu-  
7 tions of the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Net-  
8 work established under section 7522 of the Food,  
9 Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
10 5936), submit to Congress a report that contains—

11 (A) an assessment on the availability and  
12 usage of mental health care, including tele-men-  
13 tal health services, by agricultural professionals,  
14 including—

1 (i) the incidence of common mental  
2 health conditions, such as depression,  
3 among agricultural professionals;

4 (ii) the incidence of agricultural pro-  
5 fessionals seeking treatment for mental  
6 health conditions, including counseling,  
7 psychotherapy, or support groups in tradi-  
8 tional mental health care;

9 (iii) the incidence of agricultural pro-  
10 fessionals seeking treatment for mental  
11 health conditions including counseling, psy-  
12 chotherapy, or support groups via tele-  
13 mental health care settings;

14 (iv) the availability of traditional men-  
15 tal health care settings and treatment in  
16 rural areas, including counseling, psycho-  
17 therapy, or support groups;

18 (v) the availability of tele-mental  
19 health care treatment in rural areas, in-  
20 cluding counseling, psychotherapy, or sup-  
21 port groups; and

22 (B) the Secretary's recommendations to  
23 improve the uptake, effectiveness, and deploy-  
24 ment of traditional mental health services and

1 tele-mental health services among agricultural  
2 professionals in rural areas.

3 (2) COORDINATION.—In preparing the report  
4 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may consult with  
5 the following:

6 (A) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
7 Services.

8 (B) The Substance Abuse and Mental  
9 Health Services Administration.

10 (C) The National Association of State De-  
11 partments of Agriculture.

12 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

13 (A) The term “farmer” means an indi-  
14 vidual whose primary occupation is the planting  
15 and cultivation of crops or other agricultural  
16 products.

17 (B) The term “rancher” means an indi-  
18 vidual whose primary occupation is the rearing  
19 and care of animals for agricultural purposes.

20 (C) The term “agricultural professional”  
21 means a farmer or a rancher.

22 (D) The term “mental health condition”  
23 means a condition commonly affecting individ-  
24 uals as prescribed by clinical guidance or con-  
25 sensus, including conditions listed in the most

1 recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical  
2 Manual of Mental Disorders, or another source,  
3 as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

4 (E) The term “tele-mental health care”  
5 means mental health care that is furnished by  
6 a mental health care provider primarily through  
7 the use of a phone, the internet, or  
8 videoconferencing.

