

**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 2 years 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—

15           (i) the incidence and prevalence of  
16 common mental health conditions, such as

1 depression, anxiety disorders, trauma- and  
2 stressor- related disorder (including adjust-  
3 ment disorders), or suicidal ideation,  
4 among agricultural professionals;

5 (ii) the incidence and prevalence of  
6 agricultural professionals seeking treat-  
7 ment for mental health conditions, includ-  
8 ing counseling, psychotherapy, or support  
9 groups in traditional mental health care  
10 settings;

11 (iii) the incidence and prevalence of  
12 agricultural professionals seeking treat-  
13 ment for mental health conditions includ-  
14 ing counseling, psychotherapy, or support  
15 groups via tele-mental health care;

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

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

24 (B) the Secretary's recommendations to  
25 improve the uptake, effectiveness, and deploy-

1           ment of, and access to, traditional mental  
2           health services and tele-mental health services  
3           among agricultural professionals in rural areas.

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

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

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

11                  (C) State departments of agriculture.

12                  (D) Cooperative extension services (as de-  
13                  fined in section 1404 of the National Agricul-  
14                  tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy  
15                  Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

16                  (E) Within the Department—

17                           (i) the Economic Research Service;

18                           and

19                           (ii) the Office of Rural Development,  
20                           including the Rural Health Liaison.

21           (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

22                   (A) The term “farmer” means an indi-  
23                   vidual whose primary occupation is the planting  
24                   and cultivation of crops or other agricultural  
25                   products.

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

4           (C) The term “agricultural professional”  
5           means a farmer or a rancher.

6           (D) The term “mental health condition”  
7           means a condition commonly affecting individ-  
8           uals as prescribed by clinical guidance or con-  
9           sensus, including conditions listed in the most  
10          recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical  
11          Manual of Mental Disorders, or another source,  
12          as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

13          (E) The term “tele-mental health care”  
14          means mental health care that is furnished by  
15          a mental health care provider primarily through  
16          the use of a phone, the internet, or  
17          videoconferencing.

