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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Richard B. Russell School Lunch Act to increase access to mental health resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MANNING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Mental
5 Health and Wellness in Schools Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY RESOURCES.**

7 Section 9A of the Richard B. Russell National School
8 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after
3 “physical activity,” the following: “mental
4 health promotion and education,”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting be-
6 fore the semicolon at the end the following:
7 “and eating disorders”; and

8 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after
9 “school administrators,” the following: “reg-
10 istered dietitians, school-based mental health
11 services providers,”;

12 (2) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by inserting after “in consultation
15 with” the following: “the Administrator of
16 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
17 Services Administration,”;

18 (ii) by inserting a comma after “Sec-
19 retary of Education”; and

20 (iii) by inserting after “school food
21 authorities” the following: “, school health
22 professionals (including school-based men-
23 tal health services providers when avail-
24 able)”;

1 (B) by striking paragraph (2)(C), and in-
2 serting the following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) includes such other technical assist-
4 ance as is required to promote—

5 “(i) sound nutrition and establish
6 healthy school nutrition environments; and

7 “(ii) mental health, encourage mental
8 health assessments, and establish resilient
9 school environments; and”;

10 (C) in paragraph (3)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
12 after “Centers for Disease Control and
13 Prevention” the following: “and the Ad-
14 ministrator of the Substance Abuse and
15 Mental Health Services Administration”;

16 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
17 “2014” and inserting “2026”; and

18 (iii) in subparagraph (D)—

19 (I) by striking “\$3,000,000” and
20 inserting “\$5,000,000”; and

21 (II) by striking “2011” and in-
22 serting “2023”.