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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) in subsection (b)—

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

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “and eating disorders”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “school administrators,” the following: “registered dietitians, school-based mental health services providers,”;

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

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

(ii) by inserting a comma after “Secretary of Education”; and

(iii) by inserting after “school food authorities” the following: “, school health professionals (including school-based mental health services providers when available)”;}
(B) by striking paragraph (2)(C), and inserting the following new subparagraph:

“(C) includes such other technical assistance as is required to promote—

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

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

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention” the following: “and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration”;

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

(iii) in subparagraph (D)—

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

(II) by striking “2011” and inserting “2023”.