AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–51
OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 425. GRANTS TO ESTABLISH CHILDREN'S MENTAL
HEALTH TASK FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
Human Services shall award grants to the States to estab-
lish or support a statewide Task Force (in this section
referred to as the “Task Force”) to improve and coordi-
nate the collection and analysis of data related to chil-
dren’s mental health collected by the State or State agen-
cies across Federally funded programs including the Med-
icaid program, the title V Maternal and Child Health
Services Block Grant, the State Children’s Health Insur-
ance Program, Head Start, the Child Care and Develop-
ment Block Grant, Child Welfare programs, and other
similar programs that serve children and require the State
to report data to the Federal government, to identify gaps
in pediatric mental health care benefits and services, and
to develop a strategy to expand mental health screening,
prevention, and treatment services for children.
(b) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application in such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE.—

(1) MEMBERSHIP.—A Task Force funded by a grant under this section shall include stakeholders representing urban, suburban, tribal, and rural areas of the State, and shall include—

(A) the State Medicaid director (or designee);
(B) the Director of the State’s title V Maternal and Child Health Program (or designee);
(C) the Director of the State program under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (or designee);
(D) Head Start grantees;
(E) recipients of Federal child care and development block grants;
(F) parents who are residents of the State;
(G) individuals or children who have received mental health services in the State;
(H) patient groups in the State that represent individuals or their families who have received mental health services in the State;
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(I) health care providers;
(J) children’s hospitals;
(K) health centers (as defined in section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b));
(L) mental health professionals, including psychiatrists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, school counselors, and other providers as determined by the Secretary;
(M) educators and school officials;
(N) local public health representatives;
(O) tribal officials; and
(P) other stakeholders as determined by the Secretary.

(2) DUTIES.—A Task Force funded by a grant under this section shall—

(A) identify gaps in pediatric mental health services and benefits across the State;
(B) develop a statewide strategy to help expand mental health screening, prevention, and treatment services for children to meet identified service and health care benefit gaps, including better coordination of Federal, State, and local resources;
(C) convene public hearings on such strategy, including during the development and implementation phase of such strategy, as needed;

(D) monitor the implementation of such strategy, including providing annual reports;

(E) develop and disseminate best practices on meeting children’s mental health needs throughout the State;

(F) improve coordination and collection of relevant data in the State to better monitor and respond to gaps in pediatric health benefits and services; and

(G) other duties as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—For purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated $50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.