

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

At the end of title IV, add the following:

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

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services shall award grants to the States to estab-
6 lish or support a statewide Task Force (in this section
7 referred to as the “Task Force”) to improve and coordi-
8 nate the collection and analysis of data related to chil-
9 dren’s mental health collected by the State or State agen-
10 cies across Federally funded programs including the Med-
11 icaid program, the title V Maternal and Child Health
12 Services Block Grant, the State Children’s Health Insur-
13 ance Program, Head Start, the Child Care and Develop-
14 ment Block Grant, Child Welfare programs, and other
15 similar programs that serve children and require the State
16 to report data to the Federal government, to identify gaps
17 in pediatric mental health care benefits and services, and
18 to develop a strategy to expand mental health screening,
19 prevention, and treatment services for children.

1 (b) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under
2 this section shall submit to the Secretary an application
3 in such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
4 mation as the Secretary may require.

5 (c) CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE.—

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

10 (A) the State Medicaid director (or des-
11 ignee);

12 (B) the Director of the State's title V Ma-
13 ternal and Child Health Program (or designee);

14 (C) the Director of the State program
15 under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (or
16 designee);

17 (D) Head Start grantees;

18 (E) recipients of Federal child care and de-
19 velopment block grants;

20 (F) parents who are residents of the State;

21 (G) individuals or children who have re-
22 ceived mental health services in the State;

23 (H) patient groups in the State that rep-
24 resent individuals or their families who have re-
25 ceived mental health services in the State;

1 (I) health care providers;

2 (J) children's hospitals;

3 (K) health centers (as defined in section
4 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 254b));

6 (L) mental health professionals, including
7 psychiatrists, clinical social workers, psychiatric
8 nurse specialists, school counselors, and other
9 providers as determined by the Secretary;

10 (M) educators and school officials;

11 (N) local public health representatives;

12 (O) tribal officials; and

13 (P) other stakeholders as determined by
14 the Secretary.

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

17 (A) identify gaps in pediatric mental
18 health services and benefits across the State;

19 (B) develop a statewide strategy to help
20 expand mental health screening, prevention,
21 and treatment services for children to meet
22 identified service and health care benefit gaps,
23 including better coordination of Federal, State,
24 and local resources;

1 (C) convene public hearings on such strat-
2 egy, including during the development and im-
3 plementation phase of such strategy, as needed;

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

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

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

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

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-
16 poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to
17 be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
18 through 2027.

