

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3864

To improve the pediatric mental health care access grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2022

Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To improve the pediatric mental health care access grant
program.

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 “Supporting Children’s
5 Mental Health Care Access Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS**
7 **GRANTS.**

8 Section 330M of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 254c–19) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (G)—

3 (I) by inserting “developmental-
4 behavioral pediatricians,” after “ado-
5 lescent psychiatrists,”; and

6 (II) by inserting “, and which
7 may include addiction specialists,”
8 after “mental health counselors”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (H), by striking
10 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

11 (iii) in subparagraph (I), by striking
12 the period and inserting “; and”; and

13 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(J) maintain an up-to-date list of commu-
16 nity-based supports for children with mental
17 health problems.”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, and
19 which may include a developmental-behavioral
20 pediatrician and an addiction specialist” before
21 the period at the end of the first sentence; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS AND EMERGENCY
24 DEPARTMENTS.—In addition to the required activi-
25 ties specified in paragraph (1), a statewide or re-

1 gional network of pediatric mental health teams re-
 2 ferred to in subsection (a), with respect to which a
 3 grant under such subsection may be used, may pro-
 4 vide support to schools and emergency depart-
 5 ments.”;

6 (2) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
 7 section (h);

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 “(g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
 11 award a grant to an eligible entity for purposes of pro-
 12 viding technical assistance to recipients of grants under
 13 subsection (a).”; and

14 (4) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
 15 striking “\$9,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
 16 2018 through 2022” and inserting “such sums as
 17 may be necessary for the period of fiscal years 2023
 18 through 2027”.

○