

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5074

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Center for Mental Health Services to develop and disseminate a strategy to address the effects of new technologies on children’s mental health.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 29, 2025

Mr. STEIL (for himself and Ms. BALINT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Protecting Young  
5       Minds Online Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES STRAT-**  
2 **EGY TO ADDRESS EFFECTS OF NEW TECH-**  
3 **NOLOGIES ON CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH.**

4 Section 520(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 290bb–31(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (16), by striking “and” at the  
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (17), by striking the period at  
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(18) develop and implement a strategy to help  
12 local communities address the effects of new tech-  
13 nologies, such as social media, on children’s mental  
14 health.”.

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