

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5383

To provide for the use of peer support, peer mentoring, and career coaching in demonstration projects conducted under the health profession opportunity grant program under section 2008 of the Social Security Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Mentoring and Sup-
5 porting Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF PEER SUPPORT, PEER MENTORING, AND CA-**
2 **REER COACHING.**

3 Section 2008 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1397g) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
6 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(c) USE OF PEER SUPPORT, PEER MENTORING,
10 AND CAREER COACHING.—

11 “(1) PREFERENCE IN CONSIDERING APPLICA-
12 TIONS.—In considering applications for a grant
13 under this section, the Secretary shall give pref-
14 erence to—

15 “(A) applications that include opportuni-
16 ties for mentoring or peer support, and make
17 career coaching available, as part of the case
18 management plan; and

19 “(B) applications that include a commit-
20 ment to providing project participants with a
21 monthly cash stipend or wage supplement.

22 “(2) INCLUSION AMONG SUPPORT SERVICES.—
23 A project for which a grant is made under this sec-
24 tion shall include case management plans that in-
25 clude career coaching (with the option to offer ap-
26 propriate peer support and mentoring opportunities

1 to help develop soft skills and social capital), which
2 may be offered on an ongoing basis before, during,
3 and after initial training as part of a career pathway
4 model.”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 The amendment made by this Act shall take effect
7 on October 1, 2025.

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