

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5553

To amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure area career and technical education schools are eligible for mental health and substance use disorder service grants.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Ms. BONAMICI) 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 “CTE Student Mental  
5 Health and Wellness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**  
2 **SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDU-**  
3 **CATION.**

4 Section 520E–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 290bb–36b) is amended—

6 (1) in subsections (a) through (f)—

7 (A) by striking “an institution of higher  
8 education” each place it appears and inserting  
9 “a covered institution”;

10 (B) by striking “the institution of higher  
11 education” each place it appears and inserting  
12 “the covered institution”; and

13 (C) by striking “institutions of higher edu-  
14 cation” each place it appears and inserting  
15 “covered institutions”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
18 by striking “Any institution of higher edu-  
19 cation” and inserting “Any covered institution”;  
20 and

21 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “institu-  
22 tion of higher education supported” and insert-  
23 ing “covered institution–supported”; and

24 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
25 lows:

1       “(g) COVERED INSTITUTION DEFINED.—In this sec-  
2 tion, the term ‘covered institution’ means—

3           “(1) an area career and technical education  
4 school (as defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-  
5 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006);  
6 and

7           “(2) an institution of higher education (as de-  
8 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of  
9 1965).”.

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