

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8776

To require a report by the Attorney General on effective strategies and best practices to reduce stigma related to mental health among law enforcement officers.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2026

Ms. GILLEN (for herself and Mr. RUTHERFORD) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

---

## A BILL

To require a report by the Attorney General on effective strategies and best practices to reduce stigma related to mental health among law enforcement officers.

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 “Officer Wellness and  
5 Peer Support Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT REQUIRED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in  
9 consultation with the Director of the Office of Community

1 Oriented Policing Services, the Director of the Federal  
2 Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the National  
3 Institute of Justice, shall submit to the Committees on  
4 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the  
5 Senate a report setting forth—

6 (1) effective strategies and best practices to—

7 (A) reduce stigma related to mental health  
8 among law enforcement officers;

9 (B) encourage law enforcement officers to  
10 access mental health screening, peer-to-peer  
11 counseling, and other resources related to men-  
12 tal health; and

13 (C) ensure the confidentiality of mental  
14 health services, including peer-to-peer coun-  
15 seling, critical incident stress debriefings, peer  
16 crisis lines, and employee assistance programs,  
17 for law enforcement officers; and

18 (2) recommendations for action to implement  
19 such strategies and best practices.

20 (b) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under  
21 this section, the Attorney General, the Director of the Of-  
22 fice of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Direc-  
23 tor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Direc-  
24 tor of the National Institute of Justice shall consult with  
25 relevant stakeholders including—

1           (1) Federal, State, Tribal and local law enforce-  
2           ment agencies; and

3           (2) professional law enforcement organizations,  
4           local law enforcement labor and representative orga-  
5           nizations, academic organizations, mental health and  
6           suicide prevention organizations, or such other enti-  
7           ties as the Attorney General may determine appro-  
8           priate.

9           (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
10          “law enforcement officer” means an individual involved in  
11          crime and juvenile delinquency control or reduction, or en-  
12          forcement of the criminal laws (including juvenile delin-  
13          quency), including, but not limited to, police, corrections,  
14          probation, parole, and judicial officers.

○