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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an office to assist communities in providing mental health services to individuals experiencing fear-based trauma related to immigration law enforcement actions taken by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. RIVAS (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mr. CISNEROS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Healing and Equity
5 for Enforcement-Affected Residents and Trauma Act of
6 2026” or the “HEART Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILY STABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**
2 **FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY FEDERAL**
3 **IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—The Secretary
5 shall establish within the Office of the Secretary an office
6 to be known as the “Office of Immigrant Community Men-
7 tal Health and Resilience”.

8 (b) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Di-
9 rector, who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

10 (c) DUTIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out
12 programs and activities to assist impacted commu-
13 nities, including through the provision of mental
14 health services to individuals experiencing fear-based
15 trauma related to immigration law enforcement ac-
16 tions taken by Federal agencies.

17 (2) DIRECT CARE AND SERVICE DELIVERY.—In
18 carrying out paragraph (1), the Director shall sup-
19 port impacted communities by—

20 (A) providing for the establishment of mo-
21 bile mental health response teams;

22 (B) providing for the establishment of
23 emergency counseling vouchers;

24 (C) carrying out the mental health grant
25 program under subsection (d); and

1 (D) providing guidance to States on any
2 Medicaid flexibilities available for assisting indi-
3 viduals described in paragraph (1).

4 (3) DATA REPORTING.—In carrying out para-
5 graph (1), the Director shall—

6 (A) create a process for States, local gov-
7 ernments, or community-based organizations to
8 report immigration law enforcement actions
9 taken by Federal agencies to help direct the re-
10 sources of the Office; and

11 (B) submit to Congress an annual report
12 on the public health impacts of such immigra-
13 tion law enforcement actions, including rec-
14 ommendations for providing care to individuals
15 described in paragraph (1) who reside in medi-
16 cally underserved communities.

17 (4) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.—In carrying
18 out paragraph (1), the Director shall support im-
19 pacted communities in—

20 (A) the hiring of culturally competent be-
21 havioral health specialists to address the emer-
22 gent public health needs of impacted commu-
23 nities; and

1 (B) the training of health care providers in
2 providing mental health services for individuals
3 described in paragraph (1).

4 (5) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.—In carrying
5 out paragraph (1), the Director shall support im-
6 pacted communities in—

7 (A) developing and implementing “know
8 your rights” campaigns relating to health care
9 rights;

10 (B) developing and implementing public
11 awareness campaigns relating to accessing
12 health care services in a multilingual setting;

13 (C) developing and distributing educational
14 materials relating to fear-based trauma; and

15 (D) providing trauma-informed mental
16 health and family stabilization services.

17 (d) GRANTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make
19 grants to eligible entities serving impacted commu-
20 nities.

21 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant
22 under this subsection shall use the funds received
23 under the grant to—

1 (A) provide trauma-informed mental health
2 services, including crisis counseling and short-
3 term therapeutic interventions;

4 (B) address emergent behavioral health
5 crises;

6 (C) provide inclusive mental health and
7 substance use prevention, response, and recov-
8 ery services that an impacted community may
9 need following immigration law enforcement ac-
10 tions taken by Federal agencies;

11 (D) develop and implement a “know your
12 rights” campaign relating to health care rights;

13 (E) deploy mobile or community-based
14 mental health response services; or

15 (F) integrate multilingual, trauma-in-
16 formed mental health services with healthcare
17 services provided by local educational agencies
18 and schools, to the extent feasible.

19 (e) PROHIBITION ON SHARING OF INFORMATION.—
20 The data, actions, and information collected by the Office
21 shall not be shared with the Department of Homeland Se-
22 curity or any other Federal agency that takes immigration
23 law enforcement actions.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.—The
2 term “behavioral health specialist” means a profes-
3 sional licensed to provide behavioral health services,
4 including a child or adult psychiatrist, a psycholo-
5 gist, a social worker, a guidance counselor, a peer
6 support specialist, or other qualified individual as
7 determined by the Secretary.

8 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
9 the Director of the Family Stability and Mental
10 Health Support Office established under section 2.

11 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
12 ty” means—

13 (A) a State or local government;

14 (B) a Federally qualified health center (as
15 defined in section 1861(aa) of the Social Secu-
16 rity Act (2 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)));

17 (C) a rural health clinic (as defined in sec-
18 tion 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (2
19 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)));

20 (D) a Tribal health organization;

21 (E) a local educational agency;

22 (F) a faith-based organization providing
23 health or social services; or

24 (G) a community-based organization.

1 (4) IMPACTED COMMUNITY.—The term “im-
2 pacted community” means a local jurisdiction that
3 demonstrates that a Federal agency has taken immi-
4 gration law enforcement actions within the borders
5 of the jurisdiction.

6 (5) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—
7 The term “medically underserved community” has
8 the meaning given the term in section 799B of the
9 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p).

10 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the
14 amounts made available under sections 90003, 100051,
15 and 100052 of Public Law 119–21 (139 Stat. 72 et seq.),
16 such sums as may be necessary shall to transferred to the
17 Secretary to carry out this Act. Any sums so transferred
18 shall remain available until expended.

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