

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1266

To establish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative in the National Institutes of Health for purposes of encouraging collaborative research to improve youth mental health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2025

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. BRITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Youth Mental Health
5 Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MENTAL**
2 **HEALTH.**

3 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 409K. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MEN-**
7 **TAL HEALTH.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall estab-
9 lish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative, to be led
10 by the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health,
11 in collaboration with the Director of the Eunice Kennedy
12 Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human
13 Development and the Director of the National Institute
14 on Minority Health and Health Disparities, to coordinate
15 and encourage collaboration among the national research
16 institutes and national centers with respect to funda-
17 mental and applied research on youth mental health, in-
18 cluding—

19 “(1) social, behavioral, cognitive, and develop-
20 mental research, to build resilience and increase the
21 capacity of communities to identify and care for
22 youth at risk or in crisis; and

23 “(2) research to improve the targeting and de-
24 livery of mental health interventions in clinical and
25 community settings where youth live, play, work,
26 and learn.

1 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through
4 2030.”.

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