

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1361

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give priority in the consideration of suicide prevention grants to entities located in States that have not received such a grant, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2025

Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Every State Counts
5 for Veterans Mental Health Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
 2 **FAIRS SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT RECIPI-**
 3 **ENTS IN STATES IN WHICH A GRANT HAS NOT**
 4 **BEEN AWARDED.**

5 Section 201(d) of the Commander John Scott
 6 Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act
 7 of 2019 (Public Law 116–171; 10 U.S.C. 1720F note)
 8 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 9 graph:

10 “(3) ADDITIONAL PRIORITY FOR STATES THAT
 11 HAVE NOT RECEIVED A GRANT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
 13 prioritizing consideration of any eligible entity
 14 located in a State in which an entity has ap-
 15 plied but not received a grant under this sec-
 16 tion.

17 “(B) SCORING PREFERENCE.—If no entity
 18 in a particular State has received a grant under
 19 this section, the Secretary shall give all eligible
 20 entities in that State that apply for such a
 21 grant a scoring preference until at least one
 22 grant is awarded to an eligible entity in that
 23 State.”.

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