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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public awareness campaign for schools regarding youth suicide prevention resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Student Suicide Pre-
5 vention Awareness Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOLS RE-**
2 **GARDING YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION RE-**
3 **SOURCES.**

4 Section 520B of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 290bb–32) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
10 paragraph (4); and

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
12 following:

13 “(3) carrying out, in coordination with the Sec-
14 retary, a public awareness campaign on youth sui-
15 cide prevention resources, including the 988 Suicide
16 & Crisis Lifeline, that—

17 “(A) includes public outreach with respect
18 to the development of such campaign; and

19 “(B) provides support to schools to update
20 signage relating to the availability of such re-
21 sources that meets the requirements specified in
22 subsection (d); and”;

23 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) through (g)
24 as subsections (e) through (h), respectively;

25 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
26 lowing:

1 “(d) SIGNAGE ON AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES.—
2 The requirements specified in this subsection with respect
3 to signage relating to the availability of youth suicide pre-
4 vention resources are that the signage be clear and visible
5 signage that—

6 “(1) includes—

7 “(A) the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
8 phone number;

9 “(B) information that students can access
10 support by—

11 “(i) calling or sending a text message
12 to such phone number; or

13 “(ii) using digital chat services pro-
14 vided by the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline;

15 “(C) language encouraging students experi-
16 encing emotional distress to seek help; and

17 “(D) language indicating that the 988 Sui-
18 cide & Crisis Lifeline is free, confidential, and
19 available 24 hours per day and 7 days per
20 week; and

21 “(2) is displayed, or digitally posted, as applica-
22 ble, in locations easily visible to students, includ-
23 ing—

24 “(A) entrances and exits of the school;

25 “(B) student common areas;

1 “(C) school counselor offices;
2 “(D) school nurse offices;
3 “(E) gymnasiums;
4 “(F) auditoriums;
5 “(G) art rooms;
6 “(H) music rooms;
7 “(I) libraries;
8 “(J) student restrooms (including bath-
9 room stalls and sinks) and locker rooms; and
10 “(K) digital school bulletin boards, as ap-
11 plicable.”; and
12 (4) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by
13 striking “2024” and inserting “2027”.