IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Roe of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To improve mental health services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Youth Mental Health Services Act of 2018”.

SEC. 2. SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH.

(a) State Use of Funds.—Section 4104(b)(3)(B) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(B)) is amended—
(1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) improving the mental health services available to students, which may include—

“(I) identifying and disseminating best practices for mental health first aid;

“(II) assisting in the establishment or implementation of emergency planning, which may include emergency response teams to address emergencies at schools;

“(III) establishing or identifying agreements with local health agencies, including nonprofit, public, and private mental health agencies and institutions, to improve coordination of services; and

“(IV) telehealth services; and”.

(b) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY APPLICATIONS.—

Section 4106(e)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7116(e)(1)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (F); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (D), the following:

“(E) if applicable, how funds will be used for activities related to providing mental health services under section 4108; and”.

(c) Activities to Support the Effective Use of Technology.—Section 4109 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7119) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) providing technology to improve mental health services.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “A local” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A local”; and
(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in paragraph (1) shall not apply to technology infrastructure that is also used for mental health services.”.