

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646
OFFERED BY M____.**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SYSTEMS.**

2 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section, the
3 following definitions shall apply:

4 (1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible enti-
5 ty” means a State, political subdivision of a State,
6 or nonprofit private entity.

7 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

9 (3) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each
10 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
11 each commonwealth, territory or possession of the
12 United States, and each federally recognized Indian
13 tribe.

14 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.**—

15 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall es-
16 tablish a program to award grants to eligible entities
17 to establish and implement a system for preventing
18 and de-escalating behavioral health crises.

19 (2) **USE OF FUNDS.**—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Grants under this sec-
2 tion may be used to carry out programs that—

3 (i) expand early intervention and
4 treatment services to improve access to be-
5 havioral health crisis assistance and ad-
6 dress unmet behavioral health care needs;

7 (ii) expand the continuum of services
8 to address crisis prevention, crisis interven-
9 tion, and crisis stabilization; and

10 (iii) reduce unnecessary hospitaliza-
11 tions by appropriately utilizing community-
12 based services and improving access to
13 timely behavioral health crisis assistance.

14 (B) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—The pro-
15 grams described in subparagraph (A) may in-
16 clude activities such as:

17 (i) Mobile support or crisis support
18 centers that provide field-based behavioral
19 health assistance to individuals with men-
20 tal health or substance use disorders and
21 links such individuals in crisis to appro-
22 priate services.

23 (ii) School and community-based early
24 intervention and prevention programs that
25 provide mobile response, screening and as-

1 sessment, training and education, and
2 peer-based and family services.

3 (iii) Mental health crisis intervention
4 and response training for law enforcement
5 officers to increase officers' understanding
6 and recognition of mental illnesses as well
7 as increase their awareness of health care
8 services available to individuals in crisis.

9 (3) APPLICATION.—To be considered for a
10 grant under this section, an eligible entity shall sub-
11 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in
12 such manner, and containing such information as
13 the Secretary may require. At minimum, such appli-
14 cation shall include a description of—

15 (A) the activities to be funded with the
16 grant;

17 (B) community needs;

18 (C) the population to be served; and

19 (D) the interaction between the activities
20 described in subparagraph (A) and public sys-
21 tems of health and mental health care, law en-
22 forcement, social services, and related assist-
23 ance programs.

24 (4) SELECTING AMONG APPLICANTS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Grants shall be award-
2 ed to eligible entities on a competitive basis.

3 (B) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary
4 shall evaluate applicants based on such criteria
5 as the Secretary determines to be appropriate,
6 including the ability of an applicant to carry
7 out the activities described in paragraph (2).

8 (5) REPORTS.—

9 (A) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

10 (i) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—As a condi-
11 tion of receiving a grant under this section,
12 an eligible entity shall agree to submit a
13 report to the Secretary, on an annual
14 basis, describing the activities carried out
15 with the grant and assessing the effective-
16 ness of such activities.

17 (ii) SECRETARY.—The Secretary
18 shall, on an annual basis, and using the re-
19 ports received under clause (i), report to
20 Congress on the overall impact and effec-
21 tiveness of the grant program under this
22 section.

23 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than Janu-
24 ary 15, 2020, the Secretary shall submit to
25 Congress a final report that includes rec-

1 ommendations with respect to the feasibility
2 and advisability of extending or expanding the
3 grant program. The report shall also provide an
4 assessment of which systems and system ele-
5 ments proved most effective.

6 (6) COLLECTION OF DATA.—The Secretary
7 shall collect data on the grant program to determine
8 its effectiveness in reducing the social impact of
9 mental health crises and the feasibility and advis-
10 ability of extending the grant program.

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

