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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to extend eligibility for grants to elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. FEENSTRA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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; FINDINGS.**

4       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Improving Brain Health in Schools Act”.

6       (b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Brain health is defined as the biological,  
2           neurological, and physical characteristics of the  
3           brain affecting a person’s health and demeanor.

4           (2) Terminology such as “mental health” or  
5           “mental illness” can have negative connotations that  
6           deter children from seeking treatment. Using “brain  
7           health” or “brain illness” instead can help reduce  
8           the stigma and encourage seeking treatment.

9           (3) Children who have their brain health needs  
10          met tend to have positive outcomes regarding their  
11          social and academic development. Addressing brain  
12          health can enhance their ability to focus, learn, and  
13          interact positively with peers and adults.

14          (4) Over 1 in 5 children have a brain health  
15          condition, yet the majority do not receive the nec-  
16          essary assistance.

17          (5) It is critical for Congress to take steps to  
18          reduce the stigma associated with brain health con-  
19          ditions and find ways to encourage children and  
20          their families to seek access to brain health treat-  
21          ments and preventative care.

22   **SEC. 2. EXTENDING GRANT ELIGIBILITY TO ELEMENTARY**  
23                           **AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

24          Section 520E–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
25   U.S.C. 290bb–36b) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**IN**  
2 **HIGHER EDUCATION**”;

3 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “elementary  
4 schools, secondary schools, and” after “competitive  
5 basis to”;

6 (3) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

8 (1)—

9 (i) by inserting “an elementary school,  
10 secondary school, or” after “grant to”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “the school or” after  
12 “unless”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(13) Establishing brain health retreat  
15 rooms.”;

16 (4) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
18 by inserting “elementary school, secondary  
19 school, or” after “Any”;

20 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “or” at  
21 the end;

22 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-  
23 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

24 (D) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(6) elementary schools and secondary  
2 schools.”;

3 (5) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
5 by inserting “an elementary school or secondary  
6 school or” after “under this section,”;

7 (B) in each of paragraphs (1), (2), and  
8 (3), by striking “the institution of higher edu-  
9 cation” and inserting “the elementary school,  
10 the secondary school, or the institution of high-  
11 er education”;

12 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “the in-  
13 stitution” and inserting “the school or institu-  
14 tion”; and

15 (D) in paragraph (7), by striking “For an  
16 institution of higher education proposing” and  
17 inserting “For an elementary school, secondary  
18 school, or institution of higher education pro-  
19 posing”;

20 (6) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting “elemen-  
21 tary school, secondary school, or” after “grant under  
22 this section to an”; and

23 (7) in subsection (g)—

24 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
25 “DEFINITION” and inserting “DEFINITIONS”;

1 (B) by striking “section, the term” and in-  
2 serting the following: “section—

3 “(1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—  
4 The term”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; SECONDARY  
7 SCHOOL.—The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-  
8 ondary school’ have the meanings given such terms  
9 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

11 “(3) BRAIN HEALTH RETREAT ROOM.—The  
12 term ‘brain health retreat room’ means a room in  
13 which students—

14 “(A) can learn coping strategies to help  
15 them navigate the stresses of school; and

16 “(B) can connect with the resources they  
17 need to help better manage their mental  
18 health.”.