118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To establish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative in the National Institutes of Health for purposes of encouraging collaborative research to improve youth mental health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. BRITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representat-

2ives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Youth Mental Health

5 Research Act”.
SEC. 2. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.

Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 409K. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall establish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative, to be led by the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, in collaboration with the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, to coordinate and encourage collaboration among the national research institutes and national centers with respect to fundamental and applied research on youth mental health, including—

"(1) social, behavioral, cognitive, and developmental research, to build resilience, increase the capacity of communities to identify and care for youth at risk or in crisis; and

"(2) research to improve the targeting and delivery of mental health interventions in clinical and community settings where youth live, play, work, and learn."
“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.