

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.

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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

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Youth Mental Health  
5 Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MENTAL**  
2 **HEALTH.**

3 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 409K. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MEN-**  
7 **TAL HEALTH.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall estab-  
9 lish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative, to be led  
10 by the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health,  
11 in collaboration with the Director of the Eunice Kennedy  
12 Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human  
13 Development and the Director of the National Institute  
14 on Minority Health and Health Disparities, to coordinate  
15 and encourage collaboration among the national research  
16 institutes and national centers with respect to funda-  
17 mental and applied research on youth mental health, in-  
18 cluding—

19 “(1) social, behavioral, cognitive, and develop-  
20 mental research, to build resilience, increase the ca-  
21 pacity of communities to identify and care for youth  
22 at risk or in crisis; and

23 “(2) research to improve the targeting and de-  
24 livery of mental health interventions in clinical and  
25 community settings where youth live, play, work,  
26 and learn.

1       “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
4 2028.”.