
Helping Kids Cope Act (H.R. 2412)

Section-by-Section Summary

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Sec. 1: Short Title – [H.R. 2412, Helping Kids Cope Act](#)

Sec. 2: Grant Programs to Support Pediatric Behavioral Health Care

Subpart VI – Pediatric Behavioral Health Programs

- **Section 340 A-1. Programs to Improve Access to Community-Based Pediatric Behavioral Health Care:** Authorizes a new Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) program, with such sums as may be necessary, to fund grants to eligible health care providers, hospitals and clinics to engage in activities to enhance the delivery of community-based mental and behavioral health services for children and adolescents, and to support pediatric behavioral health care integration and coordination.
- **Section 340 A-2. Pediatric Behavioral Health Workforce Training Program:** Authorizes with such sums as may be necessary, a new HRSA program focused on developing and expanding the pediatric mental health workforce. Grants will support training to enhance the skills of the existing pediatric health care workforce and support the recruitment, training and retention of a robust, diverse pediatric mental health workforce across mental health professions.

Sec. 3: Increasing Federal Investment in Pediatric Behavioral Health Services

Title XXXIV – Assistance for Construction and Modernization of Children's Mental Health and Substance User Disorder Infrastructure

- **Sect. 3401. Increasing Federal Investment in Pediatric Behavioral Health Services:** Authorizes a new HRSA grant program, with such sums as may be necessary, to develop and strengthen critical pediatric mental health infrastructure and address gaps in the continuum of care for children, including through the construction of new sites of care, modernization of existing facilities, investment in technology to facilitate telehealth, and expanded capacity to deliver intermediate levels of care, such as intensive outpatient services, partial hospitalization programs and day programs.