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To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to ensure protections
for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
youth and their families.

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 “Pride In Mental
5 Health Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR**
2 **LGBTQ+ YOUTH.**

3 Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 5200. GRANTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR**
7 **LGBTQ+ YOUTH.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
9 the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance
10 Use (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’), shall
11 establish a program under which the Secretary will award
12 grants to eligible entities to assess and improve lesbian,
13 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, non-
14 binary, intersex, and Two Spirit youth mental health and
15 substance abuse outcomes.

16 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a
17 grant under this section shall use funds received through
18 such grant—

19 “(1) to provide mental and behavioral health
20 and crisis intervention resources for lesbian, gay, bi-
21 sexual, transgender, queer or questioning, non-
22 binary, intersex, and Two Spirit youth, including
23 trauma-informed care;

24 “(2) to provide cultural competency training for
25 caregivers;

1 “(3) to develop and disseminate mental and be-
2 havioral health and crisis intervention resources for
3 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or ques-
4 tioning, nonbinary, intersex, and Two Spirit youth,
5 and their families and caregivers;

6 “(4) to develop and disseminate evidence-based
7 practices to be added to the Evidence-Based Prac-
8 tices Resource Center of the Substance Abuse and
9 Mental Health Administration;

10 “(5) to collect data with respect to the mental
11 and behavioral health of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
12 transgender, queer or questioning, nonbinary,
13 intersex, and Two Spirit youth;

14 “(6) to issue school bullying prevention guide-
15 lines with respect to lesbian, gay, bisexual,
16 transgender, queer or questioning, nonbinary,
17 intersex, and Two Spirit youth;

18 “(7) to provide for the integration within school
19 systems of mental and behavioral health services for
20 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or ques-
21 tioning, nonbinary, intersex, and Two Spirit youth;

22 “(8) to establish and implement mental and be-
23 havioral patient navigator programs for lesbian, gay,
24 bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, non-

1 binary, intersex, and Two Spirit youth, and their
2 families; and

3 “(9) to create and disseminate family accept-
4 ance and support models for lesbian, gay, bisexual,
5 transgender, queer or questioning, nonbinary,
6 intersex, and Two Spirit youth, and their families
7 and caregivers.

8 “(c) LIMITATION.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity selected
10 to receive a grant under this section shall agree, as
11 a condition on receiving the grant, that such funds
12 shall not be used—

13 “(A) to provide conversion therapy to any
14 individual;

15 “(B) to advertise for the provision of con-
16 version therapy and claim in such advertising—

17 “(i) to change another individual’s
18 sexual orientation or gender identity;

19 “(ii) to eliminate or reduce sexual or
20 romantic attractions or feelings toward in-
21 dividuals of the same gender; or

22 “(iii) that such efforts are harmless or
23 without risk to individuals receiving such
24 therapy;

1 “(C) to knowingly assist or facilitate the
2 provision of conversion therapy to an individual
3 if such person receives compensation from any
4 source in connection with providing conversion
5 therapy; or

6 “(D) to promote or direct an individual to
7 conversion therapy resources or providers.

8 “(2) CONVERSION THERAPY DEFINED.—In this
9 subsection, the term ‘conversion therapy’—

10 “(A) means any practice or treatment by
11 any person that seeks to change another indi-
12 vidual’s sexual orientation or gender identity,
13 including efforts to change behaviors or gender
14 expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or
15 romantic attractions or feelings toward individ-
16 uals of the same gender, if such person—

17 “(i) receives monetary compensation
18 in exchange for such practice or treatment;
19 or

20 “(ii) instead of, or in addition to, re-
21 ceiving monetary compensation in ex-
22 change for such practice or treatment di-
23 rectly, receives monetary compensation in
24 exchange for a product or service that is
25 integral to the provision of such practice or

1 treatment by such person, unless such
2 product or service is protected by the First
3 Amendment to the Constitution; and

4 “(B) does not include any practice or
5 treatment, which does not seek to change sexual
6 orientation or gender identity, that—

7 “(i) provides assistance to an indi-
8 vidual undergoing a gender transition; or

9 “(ii) provides acceptance, support,
10 and understanding of a client or facilita-
11 tion of a client’s coping, social support,
12 and identity exploration and development,
13 including sexual orientation-neutral inter-
14 ventions to prevent or address unlawful
15 conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

16 “(d) REVIEW OF REPORTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
18 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
19 retary shall restore, review, and update as necessary,
20 the reports and publications that were listed on the
21 internet website of the Substance Abuse and Mental
22 Health Administration on January 19, 2025, and
23 that were focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual,
24 transgender, queer or questioning, non-binary,
25 intersex, and Two Spirit individuals.

1 “(2) NO PROMOTION OF CONVERSION THER-
2 APY.—In updating the reports and publications
3 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may not include
4 reports or publications that promote the provision of
5 conversion therapy, as defined in subsection (c)(2).

6 “(3) PRIORITY.—In reviewing reports and pub-
7 lications under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
8 prioritize updating older reports and commissioning
9 new reports that fill information gaps with respect
10 to the mental and behavioral health of lesbian, gay,
11 bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, non-
12 binary, intersex, and Two Spirit individuals.

13 “(e) FEDERAL SURVEY.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
15 and conduct a Federal survey measuring serious
16 psychological distress, mental illness, mental health,
17 and mental health care among lesbian, gay, bisexual,
18 transgender, queer or questioning, nonbinary,
19 intersex, and Two Spirit youth. In developing such
20 survey, the Secretary may consider integrating such
21 survey as an enhanced feature of the National Sur-
22 vey on Drug Use and Health.

23 “(2) PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.—

24 “(A) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMA-
25 TION.—All data or information collected in

1 identifiable form pursuant to this subsection
2 shall be treated as confidential and shall be
3 used only by officers, employees, or agents of
4 the Department of Health and Human Services,
5 and exclusively for statistical purposes.

6 “(B) NO OTHER USE PERMITTED.—Data
7 or information acquired by the Secretary pursu-
8 ant to this subsection shall not be disclosed by
9 an agency or its officers, employees, or agents
10 in identifiable form, or for any use other than
11 an exclusively statistical purpose. In no case
12 shall information furnished under this sub-
13 section be used to the detriment of any re-
14 spondent or other person to whom such infor-
15 mation relates. A disclosure pursuant to this
16 subsection is authorized only when the Sec-
17 retary or the Secretary’s designee approves
18 such disclosure, and the disclosure is not pro-
19 hibited by any other law.

20 “(C) NO OTHER RIGHTS DIMINISHED.—
21 This subsection does not restrict or diminish
22 any confidentiality protections or remedies in
23 law that otherwise apply to information ac-
24 quired by the Secretary under this subsection.

1 “(D) CAUSE OF ACTION.—Whoever, being
2 an officer, employee, or agent of an agency ac-
3 quiring information for exclusively statistical
4 purposes, having taken and subscribed the oath
5 of office, or having sworn to observe the limita-
6 tions imposed by this subsection, comes into
7 possession of such information by reason of
8 being an officer, employee, or agent and know-
9 ing that the disclosure of the specific informa-
10 tion is prohibited under the provisions of this
11 subsection, willfully discloses the information in
12 any manner to a person or agency not author-
13 ized under this subsection to receive it, may be
14 subject to a civil action against the individual in
15 a court of competent jurisdiction for declaratory
16 or injunctive relief, compensatory damages for
17 any harms reasonably related to the disclosure,
18 statutory damages up to \$500 per violation, pu-
19 nitive damages, and attorney’s fees. Such action
20 may be brought against such individual by any
21 party whose identifiable data or information is
22 disclosed or used in violation of this subsection.
23 A claim of sovereign immunity is not a defense
24 to an action brought under this subparagraph.

1 “(E) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS.—The Sec-
2 retary shall require that respondents to the
3 Federal survey described in paragraph (1) are
4 notified, prior to participation, of their right to
5 confidentiality and the availability of remedy in
6 the occasion of a violation of this subsection.

7 “(F) STATISTICAL PURPOSE DEFINED.—In
8 this paragraph, the term ‘statistical purpose’
9 has the same meaning and application given the
10 term in section 3561 of title 44, United States
11 Code.

12 “(f) REPORT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this section, the
15 Secretary shall, in consultation with the Director of
16 the National Institute of Mental Health and the As-
17 sistant Secretary for the Administration for Children
18 and Families, commence a report on mental health,
19 mental health care, and cultural competency in men-
20 tal health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual,
21 transgender, queer or questioning, nonbinary,
22 intersex, and Two Spirit youth in foster care and
23 who are beneficiaries of other social services pro-
24 grams subject to Federal oversight.

1 “(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
2 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
3 section, the Secretary shall submit the report re-
4 quired under paragraph (1) to the Committee on
5 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
6 tives and the Committee on Health, Education,
7 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

8 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
10 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.”.