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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to new or existing crisis call centers serving regional or local areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “9-8-8 Call Center Im-
5 provement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CENTER**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb et seq.) is amended by inserting after
5 section 520E-4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36d) the following:

6 **“SEC. 520E-5. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CEN-**
7 **TER PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
9 grants to new or existing crisis call centers serving re-
10 gional or local areas to—

11 “(1) purchase or upgrade call center tech-
12 nology;

13 “(2) provide for training of call center staff;

14 “(3) improve call center operations; and

15 “(4) provide for hiring of call center staff.

16 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 \$441,000,000 for fiscal year 2027, to remain available
19 until expended.”.