

H.R. 5619, Suicide Prevention Act

As passed by the House of Representatives on September 21, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2025	2021-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	15	197	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 5619 would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments for the surveillance of self-harm. The act also would authorize the Secretary to award grants to hospital emergency departments to provide self-harm and suicide prevention services. CBO estimates that implementing this act would cost \$197 million over the 2021 to 2025 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

Section 2 of the act would authorize \$20 million in each fiscal year from 2021 to 2025 for grants to collect data on self-harm and to produce a report to the Congress. Based on historical spending for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost \$82 million over the 2021-2025 period.

Section 3 of the act would authorize \$30 million in each fiscal year from 2021 to 2025 for grants to hospital emergency departments to provide suicide and self-harm prevention services, and to produce a report to the Congress. Based on historical spending for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost \$115 million over the 2021-2025 period.

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