

## Union Calendar No. 76

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# H. R. 1969

**[Report No. 119–103]**

To amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide  
Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2025

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 19, 2025

Additional sponsor: Mr. BERGMAN

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 10, 2025]

# **A BILL**

To amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon  
Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Depart-  
ment of Veterans Affairs.

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 “No Wrong Door for Vet-*  
 5 *erans Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF STAFF**

7 **SERGEANT PARKER GORDON FOX SUICIDE**  
 8 **PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM OF DEPART-**  
 9 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 *(a) DURATION.—Section 201 of the Commander John*  
 11 *Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement*  
 12 *Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note)*  
 13 *is amended, in subsection (j), by striking “the date that is*  
 14 *three years after the date on which the first grant is award-*  
 15 *ed under this section” and inserting “September 30, 2026”.*

16 *(b) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—Such section is fur-*  
 17 *ther amended—*

18 *(1) in subsection (m)—*

19 *(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as*  
 20 *paragraph (4);*

21 *(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*  
 22 *lowing new paragraph (3):*

23 *“(3) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—In the case of*  
 24 *an eligible individual who receives suicide prevention*  
 25 *services provided or coordinated by an eligible entity*

1       *in receipt of a grant under this section, the eligible*  
 2       *entity shall notify—*

3               “(A) *the eligible individual that the indi-*  
 4               *vidual may be eligible for emergent suicide care*  
 5               *under section 1720J of title 38, United States*  
 6               *Code; and*

7               “(B) *the Secretary, if an eligible individual*  
 8               *notified under subparagraph (A) elects to receive*  
 9               *such emergent suicide care.”; and*

10              “(C) *in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by*  
 11              *striking “(1) or (2)” and inserting “(1), (2), or*  
 12              *(3)”;* and

13              *(2) in subsection (n)—*

14              “(A) *by inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—” be-*  
 15              *fore “When” and adjusting the margins accord-*  
 16              *ingly; and*

17              “(B) *by adding at the end the following new*  
 18              *paragraph:*

19              “(2) *TIME FRAME.—If the Secretary does not*  
 20              *provide services under paragraph (1) to an eligible*  
 21              *individual during the 72-hour period following a re-*  
 22              *ferral under subsection (m), such eligible individual*  
 23              *shall be treated as eligible for emergent suicide care*  
 24              *under section 1720J of title 38, United States Code.”.*

1       (c) *REAUTHORIZATION.*—Such section is further  
2 amended, in subsection (p)—

3           (1) by striking “section a total of \$174,000,000  
4 for fiscal years 2021 through 2025.” and inserting  
5 “section—”; and

6           (2) by adding at the end the following new para-  
7 graphs:

8           “(1) a total of \$174,000,000 for fiscal years 2021  
9 through 2025; and

10          “(2) \$52,500,000 for fiscal year 2026.”.

11       (d) *REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.*—Such  
12 section is further amended, in subsection (q)(3)—

13           (1) by inserting “an entity that has continuously  
14 provided mental health care or support services in the  
15 United States during the two-year period before the  
16 date on which the entity applies for a grant under  
17 this section and that is” after “means”;

18           (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or founda-  
19 tion” and inserting “, foundation, or health care pro-  
20 vider”; and

21           (3) in subparagraph (E), by striking “A” and  
22 inserting “a”.

23       (e) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO DEFINITIONS.*—Such  
24 section is further amended, in subsection (q)(5), by striking

1 “Medical services” and inserting “The term ‘emergency  
2 treatment’ means medical services”.

3 (f) *REQUIRED USE OF CERTAIN SCREENING PRO-*  
4 *TOCOL.*—Such section is further amended, in subsection  
5 (q)(11)(A)(ii), by inserting after “risk” the following: “,  
6 which in the case of a grant made on or after the date of  
7 the enactment of the No Wrong Door for Veterans Act, shall  
8 be the Columbia Protocol (also known as the Columbia-Sui-  
9 cide Severity Rating Scale)”.

10 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF ADAPTIVE PROSTHESES AND TER-**  
11 **MINAL DEVICES FOR SPORTS AND OTHER**  
12 **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MEDICAL**  
13 **SERVICES FURNISHED TO ELIGIBLE VET-**  
14 **ERANS BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**  
15 **FAIRS.**

16 Section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-  
17 ed, in paragraph (6)(F)(i), by inserting “(including adapt-  
18 ive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other rec-  
19 reational activities)” after “artificial limbs”.

20 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
21 **PENSION.**

22 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is  
23 amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting  
24 “January 30, 2033”.



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