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# H. R. 2363

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2001

Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. LEE, Mr. STARK, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BALDACCI, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. HART, Mr. SHOWS, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. FROST, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mrs. ROUKEMA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To provide for the establishment of regional centers to assist State and local governments, health maintenance organizations, nonprofit organizations, and other organizations in the development of peer-support activities and other nonprofessional services to assist persons to cope with and overcome persistent mental illnesses.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mental Illness Con-  
3 sumer-Run Services Support Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CENTERS TO PROMOTE CONSUMER-RUN SUPPORT**  
5 **SERVICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
8 retary”) shall make awards of grants, contracts, or cooper-  
9 ative agreements to public and nonprofit private entities  
10 to establish 10 regional centers that will assist State and  
11 local governments, health maintenance organizations, non-  
12 profit organizations, and other organizations in the devel-  
13 opment of peer-support activities and other nonprofes-  
14 sional services that serve as a compliment to, rather than  
15 a substitute for, psychiatric treatment to assist persons  
16 to cope with and overcome persistent mental illnesses.

17 (b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING AWARDS.—In making  
18 awards under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-  
19 erence to applicants that—

20 (1) are consumer-run organizations;

21 (2) have experience in planning, providing, and  
22 evaluating services that are furnished to persons  
23 with mental illness by nonprofessional peers who  
24 have a history of mental illness; and

1           (3) follow established evidence-based practice  
2           with respect to consumer-run and peer support pro-  
3           grams.

4           (c) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary  
5           shall ensure that awards under subsection (a) with respect  
6           to regional centers are distributed equitably among the re-  
7           gions of the country and among urban and rural areas.

8           (d) APPLICATION.—An award may be made under  
9           subsection (a) only if an application for the award is sub-  
10          mitted to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
11          with such information as the Secretary may reasonably re-  
12          quire.

13          (e) EVALUATION.—An award may be made under  
14          subsection (a) only if the applicant involved agrees to sub-  
15          mit to the Secretary an evaluation at the end of the pro-  
16          gram period regarding activities carried out under the  
17          award.

18          (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
19          purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
20          to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and  
21          such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years  
22          2002 through 2005.

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