

Creating Access and Resources in Education for Student Mental Health Act’’
or the
‘‘CARE for Student Mental Health Act’
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America is in the midst of a youth mental health crisis, yet the vast majority of school districts have limited or no access to school based mental health providers (e.g. school psychologists, school counselors, school social workers) who are critical to supporting student wellness and improving overall school safety. One in five children have a diagnosable mental or behavioral health disorder and, by 7th grade, approximately 40% of students will experience symptoms of depression and/or anxiety. Due in part to workforce shortages, most students do not receive the mental health care they require; of those that do, the vast majority receive such services at school.