

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 to modify and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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## **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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATIONS TO AND REAUTHORIZATION**  
2 **OF THE STAFF SERGEANT PARKER GORDON**  
3 **FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**  
4 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
5 **FAIRS.**

6 (a) **TASK FORCE.**—Section 201 of the Commander  
7 John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Im-  
8 provement Act of 2019 (38 U.S.C. 1720F note; Public  
9 Law 116–171) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “the Presi-  
11 dent’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a  
12 National Tragedy of Suicide Task Force” and in-  
13 serting “such entities as the Secretary considers ap-  
14 propriate”; and

15 (2) in subsection (h)(3)(L), by striking “the  
16 President’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End  
17 a National Tragedy of Suicide Task Force,”.

18 (b) **MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.**—Subsection  
19 (c)(2)(A) of such section is amended by striking  
20 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$1,250,000”.

21 (c) **MEASURES AND METRICS.**—Subsection (h)(2) of  
22 such section is amended by adding at the end the following  
23 new subparagraph:

24 “(C) Additional measures and metrics as  
25 the Secretary considers appropriate to ensure

1           that the measures and metrics described in this  
2           paragraph—

3                   “(i) accurately reflect the aims of the  
4                   grant program under this section;

5                   “(ii) provide accountability to Con-  
6                   gress related to grant funds; and

7                   “(iii) reflect lessons learned from in-  
8                   terim reporting on and evaluation of the  
9                   grant program.”.

10       (d) BRIEFINGS.—Subsection (h) of such section is  
11 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
12 graph:

13                   “(5) BRIEFING FOR LOCAL VAMCS.—Not less  
14                   frequently than once each year, the Secretary shall  
15                   provide, to the appropriate personnel of each medical  
16                   center of the Department located not more than 100  
17                   miles from the primary location of a grantee under  
18                   this section, a briefing about the grant program  
19                   under this section in order to improve coordination  
20                   between such grantee and personnel.”.

21       (e) DURATION.—Subsection (j) of such section is  
22 amended by striking “the date that is three years after  
23 the date on which the first grant is awarded under this  
24 section” and inserting “September 30, 2028”.

1           (f) REAUTHORIZATION.—Subsection (p) of such sec-  
2 tion is amended by striking “a total of \$174,000,000 for  
3 fiscal years 2021 through 2025” and inserting  
4 “\$285,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026 through  
5 2028”.

6           (g) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Subsection (q)(4)(C)  
7 of such section is amended by striking “(iv)” and inserting  
8 “(vi)”.