

DISCUSSION DRAFT

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107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of regional centers to assist
State and local governments, health maintenance organi-
zations, 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.**

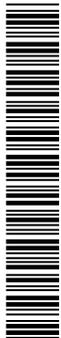
6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
8 retary”) shall make awards of grants, contracts, or cooper-
9 ative agreements to public and nonprofit private entities
10 to establish 10 regional centers that will assist State and
11 local governments, 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 to assist persons to cope with and overcome
15 persistent mental illnesses.

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

19 (1) are consumer-run organizations; and

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

24 (c) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary
25 shall ensure that awards under subsection (a) with respect



1 to regional centers are distributed equitably among the re-
2 gions of the country and among urban and rural areas.

3 (d) APPLICATION.—An award may be made under
4 subsection (a) only if an application for the award is sub-
5 mitted to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
6 with such information as the Secretary may reasonably re-
7 quire.

8 (e) EVALUATION.—An award may be made under
9 subsection (a) only if the applicant involved agrees to sub-
10 mit to the Secretary an evaluation at the end of the pro-
11 gram period regarding activities carried out under the
12 award.

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
14 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
15 to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and
16 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
17 2002 through 2005.

