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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. GILLEN introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Officer Wellness and  
5 Peer Support Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT REQUIRED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in

1 consultation with the Director of the Office of Community  
2 Oriented Policing Services, the Director of the Federal  
3 Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the National  
4 Institute of Justice, shall submit to the Committees on  
5 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the  
6 Senate a report setting forth—

7 (1) effective strategies and best practices to—

8 (A) reduce stigma related to mental health  
9 among law enforcement officers;

10 (B) encourage law enforcement officers to  
11 access mental health screening, peer-to-peer  
12 counseling, and other resources related to men-  
13 tal health; and,

14 (C) ensure the confidentiality of mental  
15 health services, including peer-to-peer coun-  
16 seling, critical incident stress debriefings, peer  
17 crisis lines, and employee assistance programs,  
18 for law enforcement officers; and,

19 (2) recommendations for action to implement  
20 such strategies and best practices.

21 (b) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under  
22 this section, the Attorney General, the Director of the Of-  
23 fice of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Direc-  
24 tor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Direc-

1 tor of the National Institute of Justice shall consult with  
2 relevant stakeholders including—

3 (1) Federal, State, Tribal and local law enforce-  
4 ment agencies; and

5 (2) professional law enforcement organizations,  
6 local law enforcement labor and representative orga-  
7 nizations, academic organizations, mental health and  
8 suicide prevention organizations, or such other enti-  
9 ties as the Attorney General may determine appro-  
10 priate.

11 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
12 “law enforcement officer” means an individual involved in  
13 crime and juvenile delinquency control or reduction, or en-  
14 forcement of the criminal laws (including juvenile delin-  
15 quency), including, but not limited to, police, corrections,  
16 probation, parole, and judicial officers.