The Anna Westin Legacy Act S.3686/HR.7249

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**The Bill:** A **reauthorization** based on the 21st Century CURES Act Sec. 13006, derived from the Anna Westin Act of 2015

The Anna Westin Act of 2015, included in CURES, was the first federal legislation passed on eating disorders

Anna Westin

From the CURES authorization, SAMHSA created the **Center of Excellence on Eating Disorders** to train primary health professionals on eating disorders screening, brief intervention, and referral to care (**SBIRT**) providers trained since 2019 7,000+

training resource downloads 3,800+

Nation’s first evidence-based eating disorders SBIRT protocol for the adult primary care setting

**Continued need:** Rise in youth eating disorders fueled by pandemic

**Doubled**

emergency room eating disorders visits for teen girls

**Doubled**

eating disorder caseloads at children’s hospitals

Meanwhile, only 6% of U.S. medical schools require eating disorders training to graduate

The Bill: Reauthorize and expand the Center of Excellence

**Continue the Center's authorization through 2027**

**Expand the evidence-based SBIRT protocol to the pediatric level**

Build adaptive modules for at-risk communities that experience under-identification

- Including racially diverse and tribal communities, rural communities, men and boys, military families, veterans, and LGBTQ populations
- To train providers on how eating disorders present in different individuals

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