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To establish an awareness campaign related to the lethality of fentanyl and fentanyl-contaminated drugs, to establish a Federal Interagency Work Group on Fentanyl Contamination of Illegal Drugs, and to provide community-based coalition enhancement grants to mitigate the effects of drug use.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2022

Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mrs. PELTOLA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Bruce’s Law”.

1 **SEC. 2. AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS.**

2 (a) OPIOID PROGRAM.—Section 102 of the Com-
3 prehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (Public
4 Law 114–198) is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**RE-**
6 **LATING TO OPIOIDS**” after “**CAMPAIGNS**”; and

7 (2) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and”
9 after the semicolon;

10 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “;
11 and” and inserting a period; and

12 (C) by striking paragraph (3).

13 (b) ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN.—Title I of the Com-
14 prehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (Public
15 Law 114–198) is amended by inserting after section 102
16 the following:

17 **“SEC. 102A. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN RELATED TO**
18 **LETHALITY OF FENTANYL AND FENTANYL-**
19 **CONTAMINATED DRUGS.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
21 Human Services, in coordination with the heads of other
22 Federal departments and agencies, shall, as appropriate,
23 through a public awareness campaign, advance the edu-
24 cation and awareness of the public (including school-aged
25 children, youth, parents, first responders, and providers)
26 and other appropriate entities regarding the risk of coun-

1 terfeit drugs being contaminated with fentanyl or other
2 synthetic opioids and the lethality and other dangers of
3 synthetic opioids.

4 “(b) TOPICS.—The education and awareness cam-
5 paigns under subsection (a) shall address—

6 “(1) the dangers of using drugs which may be
7 contaminated with fentanyl or other synthetic
8 opioids;

9 “(2) the prevention of substance use disorder
10 and use of drugs other than as prescribed, including
11 through safe disposal of prescription medications
12 and other safety precautions; and

13 “(3) the detection of early warning signs of
14 substance use disorder and addiction in school-aged
15 children and youth.

16 “(c) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The education and
17 awareness campaigns under subsection (a) shall, as appro-
18 priate, take into account any association between the use
19 of prescription drugs other than as prescribed and the use
20 of drugs that can be contaminated by fentanyl or other
21 opioids, including heroin.

22 “(d) DRUG DEFINED.—In this section, the term
23 ‘drug’ means an illicit drug, such as marijuana, hashish,
24 cocaine (including crack cocaine), inhalants,
25 hallucinogens, heroin, a synthetic opioid, methamphet-

1 amine or other stimulant, a counterfeit prescription drug,
2 or a prescription drug that is sold illegally.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2023
5 through 2027 such sums as may be necessary to carry
6 out this section.”.

7 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP ON**
8 **FENTANYL CONTAMINATION OF ILLEGAL**
9 **DRUGS.**

10 Title I of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery
11 Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–198), as amended by section
12 2(b), is further amended by inserting after section 102A
13 the following:

14 **“SEC. 102B. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP ON**
15 **FENTANYL CONTAMINATION OF ILLEGAL**
16 **DRUGS.**

17 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health
18 and Human Services (referred to in this section as the
19 ‘Secretary’) shall establish the Federal Interagency Work
20 Group on Fentanyl Contamination of Illegal Drugs (re-
21 ferred to in this section as the ‘Work Group’).

22 “(b) MEMBERSHIP; CONSULTATION.—

23 “(1) COMPOSITION.—Not later than 120 days
24 after the date of enactment of Bruce’s Law, the
25 heads of the Office of National Drug Control Policy,

1 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
2 Administration, the Administration for Children and
3 Families, the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
4 vention, the Department of Justice, the Drug En-
5 forcement Administration, the Department of State,
6 the Department of Education, and other Federal
7 agencies (as determined by the Secretary) shall des-
8 ignate representatives of the respective agency or of-
9 fice to the Work Group.

10 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Work Group shall
11 consult with—

12 “(A) experts at the State, Tribal, and local
13 levels with relevant backgrounds in reducing,
14 preventing, and responding to drug overdose by
15 fentanyl contamination of illegal drugs;

16 “(B) individuals in recovery from use of
17 fentanyl other than as prescribed or use of
18 other synthetic opioids;

19 “(C) family members of adults who have
20 overdosed by fentanyl-contaminated illegal
21 drugs;

22 “(D) family members of school-aged chil-
23 dren and youth who have overdosed by fentanyl-
24 contaminated illegal drugs;

1 “(E) researchers and other experts in the
2 design and implementation of effective drug-re-
3 lated messaging and prevention campaigns; and

4 “(F) technology companies.

5 “(c) DUTIES.—The Work Group shall—

6 “(1) examine all Federal efforts directed to-
7 wards reducing and preventing drug overdose by
8 fentanyl- or other synthetic opioid-contaminated ille-
9 gal drugs;

10 “(2) identify strategies, resources, and supports
11 to improve State, Tribal, and local responses to over-
12 dose by fentanyl- or other synthetic opioid-contami-
13 nated illegal drugs;

14 “(3) make recommendations to Congress for
15 improving Federal programs and efforts and coordi-
16 nation across such programs and efforts to reduce
17 and prevent drug overdose by fentanyl- or other syn-
18 thetic opioid-contaminated illegal drugs; and

19 “(4) make recommendations for educating
20 youth on the dangers of drugs contaminated by
21 fentanyl or other synthetic opioids.

22 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT TO SECRETARY.—The Work
23 Group shall annually prepare and submit to the Secretary,
24 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
25 sions of the Senate, and the Committee on Education and

1 Labor and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
2 the House of Representatives, a report on the activities
3 carried out by the Work Group under subsection (c), in-
4 cluding recommendations to reduce and prevent drug over-
5 dose by fentanyl or other synthetic opioid contamination
6 of illegal drugs, in all populations, and specifically among
7 youth at risk for substance use disorder and use of drugs
8 other than as prescribed.”.

9 **SEC. 4. COMMUNITY-BASED COALITION ENHANCEMENT**
10 **GRANTS TO ADDRESS LOCAL DRUG CRISES.**

11 Section 103(i) of the Comprehensive Addiction and
12 Recovery Act of 2016 (21 U.S.C. 1536(i)) is amended by
13 striking “2017 through 2021” and inserting “2023
14 through 2027”.

15 **SEC. 5. COMMUNITY-BASED COALITION ENHANCEMENT**
16 **GRANTS TO EDUCATE YOUTH ON THE RISKS**
17 **OF DRUGS CONTAMINATED WITH FENTANYL**
18 **OR OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS.**

19 Title I of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery
20 Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–198) is amended by insert-
21 ing after section 103 the following:

1 **“SEC. 103A. COMMUNITY-BASED COALITION ENHANCEMENT**
2 **GRANTS TO EDUCATE YOUTH ON THE RISKS**
3 **OF DRUGS CONTAMINATED WITH FENTANYL**
4 **OR OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS.**

5 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Director of the
6 Office of National Drug Control Policy (referred to in this
7 section as the ‘Director’), in coordination with the Direc-
8 tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
9 may make grants to eligible entities to implement edu-
10 cation of the public on the dangers of contamination of
11 drugs with fentanyl or other synthetic opioids.

12 “(b) APPLICATION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity seeking a
14 grant under this section shall submit an application
15 to the Director at such time, in such manner, and
16 accompanied by such information as the Director
17 may require.

18 “(2) CRITERIA.—As part of an application for
19 a grant under this section, the Director shall require
20 an eligible entity to submit a detailed, comprehen-
21 sive, multisector plan for addressing the implementa-
22 tion of an evidence-based public education campaign
23 on the dangers of drugs contaminated with fentanyl
24 or other synthetic opioids, with a specific consider-
25 ation given to education focused on youth at in-
26 creased risk for developing a substance use disorder.

1 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—For purposes of this
2 section, the term ‘eligible entity’ means an entity
3 that—

4 “(A) has documented, using local data,
5 rates of drug overdose related to fentanyl or
6 other synthetic opioids at levels that are signifi-
7 cant, as determined by the Director; and

8 “(B) has received a grant under the Drug-
9 Free Communities Act of 1997.

10 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity shall use a
11 grant received under this section—

12 “(1) for programs designed to implement com-
13 prehensive community-wide prevention strategies to
14 address the dangers of drugs contaminated with
15 fentanyl or other synthetic opioids, in the area
16 served by the eligible entity, in accordance with the
17 plan submitted under subsection (b)(2);

18 “(2) to obtain specialized training and technical
19 assistance from the organization funded under sec-
20 tion 4 of Public Law 107–82 (21 U.S.C. 1521 note);
21 and

22 “(3) for programs designed to implement com-
23 prehensive community-wide strategies to address the
24 dangers of drugs contaminated with fentanyl or
25 other synthetic opioids in the community.

1 “(d) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—An eligible en-
2 tity shall use Federal funds received under this section
3 only to supplement the funds that would, in the absence
4 of those Federal funds, be made available from other Fed-
5 eral and non-Federal sources for the activities described
6 in this section, and not to supplant those funds.

7 “(e) EVALUATION.—A grant under this section shall
8 be subject to the same evaluation requirements and proce-
9 dures as the evaluation requirements and procedures im-
10 posed on the recipient of a grant under the Drug-Free
11 Communities Act of 1997, and shall also include an eval-
12 uation of the effectiveness at reducing the use of illicit
13 fentanyl or other synthetic opioids.

14 “(f) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
15 Not more than 12 percent of the amounts made available
16 to carry out this section for a fiscal year may be used
17 to pay for administrative expenses.

18 “(g) DELEGATION AUTHORITY.—The Director may
19 enter into an interagency agreement with the Director of
20 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to dele-
21 gate authority for the execution of grants and for such
22 other activities, as the Director determines necessary to
23 carry out this section.

24 “(h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘drug’
25 means an illicit drug, such as marijuana, hashish, cocaine

1 (including crack cocaine), inhalants, hallucinogens, heroin,
2 a synthetic opioid, methamphetamine or other stimulant,
3 a counterfeit prescription drug, or a prescription drug that
4 is sold illegally.

5 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
6 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
7 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
8 each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

