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# H. R. 7246

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for planning, establishing, or administering programs to prevent and address the misuse of opioids, related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in pain management or injury recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with other substances, by students and student athletes, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2022

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Student and Student  
3 Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act” or the “Student  
4 Athlete Opioid Prevention Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION.**

6       Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
7 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following:

9 **“SEC. 506B. GRANTS FOR STUDENT AND STUDENT ATHLETE**  
10 **OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION.**

11       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary, in con-  
12 sultation with the Secretary of Education, may award  
13 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to eligible  
14 entities for planning, establishing, or administering pro-  
15 grams to prevent and address the misuse of opioids, re-  
16 lated drugs, and other drugs commonly used in pain man-  
17 agement or injury recovery, as well as the co-use of one  
18 or more such drugs with other substances, by students and  
19 student athletes.

20       “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
21 under this section, an entity shall be—

22               “(1) a State or other public entity;

23               “(2) a nonprofit organization; or

24               “(3) a drug-free community coalition.

1       “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received through an  
2 award under this section may be used for any of the fol-  
3 lowing:

4           “(1) Carrying out one or more school-based  
5 programs concerning the dangers of the misuse of,  
6 and addiction to, opioids, related drugs, and other  
7 drugs commonly used in pain management or injury  
8 recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such  
9 drugs with other substances, which programs may  
10 include—

11           “(A) initiatives that give students the re-  
12 sponsibility to create their own anti-drug abuse  
13 education programs;

14           “(B) school-based programs that are fo-  
15 cused on school districts with high or increasing  
16 rates of misuse of, and addiction to, opioids,  
17 and targeted at populations that are most at  
18 risk to start misusing such drugs, including  
19 schools that do not have a certified athletic  
20 trainer on staff; and

21           “(C) school-based prevention programs  
22 that are focused on student athletes and the  
23 risk of misuse of, and addiction to, opioids, as  
24 well as the co-use of opioids with other sub-

1           stances, as part of injury recovery and pain  
2           management.

3           “(2) Carrying out community-based misuse and  
4           addiction prevention programs relating to opioids,  
5           related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in  
6           pain management or injury recovery, as well as the  
7           co-use of one or more such drugs with other sub-  
8           stances, which programs may include—

9                   “(A) such programs through youth sports  
10           organizations;

11                   “(B) community-based prevention pro-  
12           grams that are focused on populations within  
13           the community that are most at risk for misuse  
14           of and addiction to opioids; and

15                   “(C) community-based programs that are  
16           focused on youth athletes and the risk of mis-  
17           use of and addiction to opioids, as well as the  
18           co-use of opioids with other substances, as part  
19           of injury recovery and pain management.

20           “(3) Engaging youth, high school, or collegiate  
21           athletic and recreation programs and associations  
22           concerning the dangers of the misuse of and addic-  
23           tion to opioids, related drugs, and other drugs com-  
24           monly used in pain management or injury recovery,

1 as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with  
2 other substances, which may include—

3 “(A) initiatives that give student athletes  
4 the responsibility to create their own anti-drug  
5 abuse education programs for their schools; and

6 “(B) collegiate-based programs that are fo-  
7 cused on collegiate athletes, including club  
8 sports and recreation sports, and the risk for  
9 misuse of and addiction to opioids, as well as  
10 the co-use of opioids with other substances, as  
11 part of injury recovery and pain management.

12 “(4) Assisting local government entities to con-  
13 duct appropriate prevention activities relating to  
14 youth and the risk for misuse of and addiction to  
15 opioids, as well as the co-use of opioids with other  
16 substances, as part of injury recovery and pain man-  
17 agement.

18 “(5) Training and educating State and local of-  
19 ficials, youth athletics organizers, school administra-  
20 tors and staff, teachers, athletic directors, athletic  
21 trainers, coaches, collegiate administrators, directors  
22 of campus recreation, and campus-based medical  
23 providers, on the signs of misuse of opioids and the  
24 options for treatment, including holistic and com-

1       prehensive pain management solutions, and preven-  
2       tion of such misuse.

3       “(d) EVALUATION; REPORTING.—

4               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary, in  
5       consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal  
6       agencies, shall—

7               “(A) conduct or support periodic evalua-  
8       tions of the programs funded under this section  
9       and other effective programs to prevent and ad-  
10      dress misuse of and addiction to opioids, related  
11      drugs, and other drugs commonly used for pain  
12      management and injury recovery; and

13              “(B) develop strategies for disseminating  
14      information about and implementing such pro-  
15      grams.

16              “(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Assistant Sec-  
17      retary shall annually submit to the Committee on  
18      Energy and Commerce, the Committee on the Judi-  
19      ciary, and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
20      House of Representatives, and the Committee on  
21      Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, the Com-  
22      mittee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Ap-  
23      propriations of the Senate, a report on the programs  
24      evaluated under paragraph (1)(A) and the strategies  
25      developed under paragraph (1)(B).

1       “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section the term, ‘drug-  
2 free community coalition’ means a community-based coali-  
3 tion that is a current or former recipient of a grant under  
4 section 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

5       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6               “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,  
7 there are authorized to be appropriated—

8                       “(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

9                       “(B) such sums as may be necessary for  
10 each succeeding fiscal year.

11               “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount authorized  
12 to be appropriated by paragraph (1) for a fiscal  
13 year, not more than \$500,000 shall (subject to the  
14 availability of appropriations) be used to carry out  
15 subsection (d).”.

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