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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2023

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

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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 “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 counterfeit 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 paign 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 prescription drugs other than as pre-  
11 scribed, including through safe disposal of prescrip-  
12 tion medications 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 campaign 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—

24 “(1) an illicit drug, such as marijuana, hashish,  
25 cocaine (including crack cocaine), inhalants,

1 hallucinogens, heroin, a synthetic opioid, meth-  
2 amphetamine or other stimulant;

3 “(2) a counterfeit prescription drug; or

4 “(3) a prescription drug that is sold illegally.

5 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2024  
7 through 2028 such sums as may be necessary to carry  
8 out this section.”.

9 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP ON**  
10 **FENTANYL CONTAMINATION OF DRUGS.**

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

15 **“SEC. 102B. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP ON**  
16 **FENTANYL CONTAMINATION OF 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 Drugs (referred to  
21 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 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 drugs;

21 “(D) family members of school-aged chil-  
22 dren and youth who have overdosed by fentanyl-  
23 contaminated 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  
9           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 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 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 the Workforce and the Committee on Energy and Com-  
2 merce of the House of Representatives, a report on the  
3 activities carried out by the Work Group under subsection  
4 (c), including recommendations to reduce and prevent  
5 drug overdose by fentanyl or other synthetic opioid con-  
6 tamination of drugs, in all populations, and specifically  
7 among youth at risk for substance use disorder and use  
8 of drugs 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 “2024  
14 through 2028”.

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 (21 U.S.C. 1536) 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 has the meaning given such term in section 102A.

1       “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
3 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for  
4 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.

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