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To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the prevention and treatment of the use of synthetic recreational drugs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. SERRANO) 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 the “Synthetic Drug Pre-
5 vention, Treatment, and Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SYNTHETIC RECREATIONAL DRUGS.**

7 Title III of the Public Health Service Act is amended
8 by inserting after section 317T of such Act (42 U.S.C.
9 247b–22) the following:

1 **“SEC. 317U. SYNTHETIC RECREATIONAL DRUGS.**

2 “(a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date
3 of enactment of the Synthetic Drug Prevention, Treat-
4 ment, and Education Act, the Director of the Centers for
5 Disease Control and Prevention (in this section referred
6 to as the ‘Director’) shall—

7 “(1) complete a study on strategies for pre-
8 venting and treating the use of synthetic recreational
9 drugs (as identified pursuant to subsection (b)(3)),
10 including best rehabilitation practices; and

11 “(2) submit a report to the Congress on the re-
12 sults of such study.

13 “(b) DATABASE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
15 tion with the Administrator of the Drug Enforce-
16 ment Administration, shall establish and maintain a
17 database of synthetic recreational drugs.

18 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make
19 the information in the database under paragraph (1)
20 publicly available for use in preventing and treating
21 the use of synthetic recreational drugs.

22 “(3) IDENTIFICATION OF SYNTHETIC REC-
23 REATIONAL DRUGS.—Beginning not later than 90
24 days after the date of the enactment of the Syn-
25 thetic Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Education
26 Act, for purposes of this section, the Secretary shall

1 specify (and update as necessary) a list of sub-
2 stances, each of which shall satisfy the following cri-
3 teria:

4 “(A) The substance is an analogue of a
5 controlled substance (as defined in section 102
6 of the Controlled Substances Act).

7 “(B) The substance is not marketed as a
8 drug (as defined in section 201 of the Federal
9 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act).

10 “(C) The substance is determined by the
11 Secretary to be marketed for recreational
12 human use, irrespective of claims to the con-
13 trary in the labeling and promotion of the sub-
14 stance.

15 Each substance identified on the most recent list
16 specified by the Secretary pursuant to this para-
17 graph is referred to in this section as a ‘synthetic
18 recreational drug’.

19 “(c) CANNABIMIMETIC AGENTS.—

20 “(1) OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.—Not later than 1
21 year after the date of enactment of the Synthetic
22 Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Education Act,
23 the Director, in collaboration with the Assistant Sec-
24 retary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the
25 Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse,

1 the Director of the National Institutes of Health,
2 and the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Ad-
3 ministration, shall develop and implement a national
4 outreach campaign to educate law enforcement per-
5 sonnel, State and local agencies, health care profes-
6 sionals, community health organizations, parents,
7 youth, and other community members about pre-
8 venting and treating the use of cannabimimetic
9 agents.

10 “(2) GRANTS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may
12 make grants to Federally-qualified health cen-
13 ters for programs to increase public awareness
14 about, and prevent and treat, the use of
15 cannabimimetic agents.

16 “(B) PARTNERSHIP.—A Federally-quali-
17 fied health center receiving a grant under sub-
18 paragraph (A) for a program, may, to the ex-
19 tent such program is with respect to increasing
20 awareness about, or preventing, the use of
21 cannabimimetic agents, partner with a recipient
22 of grant under section 1032 of the National
23 Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C.
24 1532) to carry out such elements of the pro-
25 gram.

1 “(C) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum
2 amount of a grant under this section shall be
3 \$250,000.

4 “(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
5 TIONS.—To carry out this paragraph, there is
6 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for
7 the period of fiscal years 2018 through 2020.

8 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘cannabimimetic agent’ has the
10 meaning given to that term in section 202(d)(2) of
11 the Controlled Substances Act.

12 “(2) The term ‘Federally-qualified health cen-
13 ter’ has the meaning given to such term in section
14 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act.”.

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