

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4489

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2023

Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Ms. KUSTER) 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. ADDRESSING ASSOCIATED HEALTH CONDI-**  
2 **TIONS THROUGH GRANT PROGRAM FOR**  
3 **STATE AND TRIBAL RESPONSE TO OPIOID**  
4 **USE DISORDERS.**

5 (a) **ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.**—Section 1003(b)  
6 of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note)  
7 is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(5) **ASSOCIATED HEALTH CONDITIONS.**—The  
9 Secretary may authorize the recipient of a grant  
10 under this subsection, in addition to using the grant  
11 for activities described in paragraph (4) with respect  
12 to opioid misuse and use disorders and stimulant  
13 misuse and use disorders, to use the grant to for  
14 similar activities with respect to associated health  
15 conditions.”.

16 (b) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Section  
17 1003(f) of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–  
18 3 note) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2), strike “and” at the end;

20 (2) in paragraph (3), strike the period at the  
21 end and insert a semicolon; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) the amount of funds each State that re-  
24 ceiving a grant under subsection (b) received for the  
25 12-month grant cycle covered by the report;

1           “(5) the amount of grant funds each such State  
2           spent for such grant cycle, disaggregated by the uses  
3           for which such funds were spent, including each al-  
4           lowable use under paragraphs (4) and (5) of sub-  
5           section (b);

6           “(6) how many such States for such grant cycle  
7           did not spend all of the grant funds before such  
8           grant cycle expired;

9           “(7) how many such States for such grant cycle  
10          requested waivers to extend the grant cycle; and

11          “(8) challenges for such States to spend all of  
12          the funds allocated and the reason for such chal-  
13          lenges, including to what extent reporting require-  
14          ments or other requirements placed an increased  
15          burden on the ability of such States to spend all of  
16          the funds.”.

17          (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 1003(g) of  
18          the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) is  
19          amended by inserting after “substance use disorders” the  
20          following: “(including associated health conditions)”.

21          (d) ASSOCIATED HEALTH CONDITIONS DEFINED.—  
22          Section 1003(h) of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C.  
23          290ee–3 note) is amended—

24                  (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
25                  (4) as paragraphs (2) through (5); and

1           (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesi-  
2           gnated, the following:

3           “(1) ASSOCIATED HEALTH CONDITIONS.—The  
4           term ‘associated health conditions’ includes any dis-  
5           order or health condition that is co-occurring with  
6           opioid misuse and use disorders and stimulant mis-  
7           use and use disorders, including polydrug use and  
8           alcohol use disorder.”.

9           (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
10          or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed  
11          to change the allocation of funds among grantees pursuant  
12          to the minimum allocations and formula methodology  
13          under section 1003 of the 21st Century Cures Act (42  
14          U.S.C. 290ee–3 note).

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