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# H. R. 4969

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide for informational materials to educate and prevent addiction in teenagers and adolescents who are injured playing youth sports and subsequently prescribed an opioid.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN (for himself, Mr. KIND, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. VEASEY) 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 the “John Thomas Decker  
5       Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION MATERIALS AND RESOURCES TO**  
2 **PREVENT ADDICTION RELATED TO YOUTH**  
3 **SPORTS INJURIES.**

4 Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 280b–1f et seq.) is amended by adding after  
6 section 393D (42 U.S.C. 280b–1f et seq.) the following  
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 393E. INFORMATION MATERIALS AND RESOURCES TO**  
9 **PREVENT ADDICTION RELATED TO YOUTH**  
10 **SPORTS INJURIES.**

11 “(a) REPORT.—The Secretary, acting through the  
12 National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the  
13 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall—

14 “(1) not later than 18 months after the date of  
15 the enactment of this section, make publicly avail-  
16 able a report determining the extent to which infor-  
17 mational materials and resources described in sub-  
18 section (b) are available to teenagers and adolescents  
19 who play youth sports, families of such teenagers  
20 and adolescents, nurses, youth sports groups, and  
21 relevant health care provider groups; and

22 “(2) for purposes of educating and preventing  
23 addiction in teenagers and adolescents who are in-  
24 jured playing youth sports and are subsequently pre-  
25 scribed an opioid, not later than 12 months after  
26 such report is made publicly available and taking

1 into consideration the findings of such report, de-  
2 velop and, in coordination with youth sports groups,  
3 disseminate informational materials and resources  
4 described in subsection (b) for teenagers and adoles-  
5 cents who play youth sports, families of such teen-  
6 agers and adolescents, nurses, youth sports groups,  
7 and relevant health care provider groups.

8 “(b) MATERIALS AND RESOURCES DESCRIBED.—For  
9 purposes of this section, the informational materials and  
10 resources described in this subsection are informational  
11 materials and resources with respect to youth sports inju-  
12 ries for which opioids are potentially prescribed and subse-  
13 quently potentially lead to addiction, including materials  
14 and resources focused on the dangers of opioid use and  
15 misuse, treatment options for such injuries that do not  
16 involve the use of opioids, and how to seek treatment for  
17 addiction.

18 “(c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds  
19 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-  
20 rying out this section. This section shall be carried out  
21 using amounts otherwise available for such purpose.”.

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