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To establish education partnership programs between public schools and public health agencies to prevent the misuse and overdose of synthetic opioids by youth, and for other purposes.

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Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. KILEY, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish education partnership programs between public schools and public health agencies to prevent the misuse and overdose of synthetic opioids by youth, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Fentanyl Awareness for Children and Teens in Schools
6 Act” or the “FACTS Act”.

- 1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

See. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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TITLE I—PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FOR LOCAL AND STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

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TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

Sec. 301. Professional development for school personnel.

Sec. 302. Amendments to local educational agency plans.

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Sec. 501. Naloxone in school-based health centers.

Sec. 502. Amendments to the Monitoring the Future survey.

Sec. 503. Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Sec. 504. Evaluation of the effectiveness and reach of the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System.

3 SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

- 4 The purposes of this Act are to—

- 5 (1) establish education partnership programs
 6 between public schools and public health agencies to
 7 prevent the misuse of and overdose with synthetic
 8 opioids by youth;

- 1 (2) develop a whole-of-government approach to
2 identify and disseminate best practices in education
3 and prevention regarding the misuse of and overdose
4 with synthetic opioids by youth;
- 5 (3) increase opportunities for employees of ele-
6 mentary and secondary schools receiving Federal
7 funds to receive professional development on the
8 dangers of the misuse of and overdose with synthetic
9 opioids by youth; and
- 10 (4) improve the availability and usability of
11 data regarding the proliferation of synthetic opioids.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) **CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.**—The term
15 “classified school employee” means an employee of a
16 State or of any political subdivision of a State, or an
17 employee of a nonprofit organization, who works in
18 any grade from prekindergarten through high school
19 in any of the following occupational specialties:

20 (A) Paraprofessional, including
21 paraeducator services.

22 (B) Clerical and administrative services.

23 (C) Transportation services.

24 (D) Food and nutrition services.

25 (E) Custodial and maintenance services.

- (F) Security services.
 - (G) Health and student services.
 - (H) Technical services.
 - (I) Skilled trades.

(2) EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY.—The term “educational service agency” has the meaning given the term in section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401).

(3) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary school”, “evidence-based”, “local educational agency”, “parent”, “secondary school”, “State”, and “State educational agency” have the meanings given the terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”, unless otherwise specified, refers to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(5) SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS.—The term “synthetic opioids” means substances, including fentanyl and any substituted derivative of fentanyl, that—
 - (A) are synthesized in a laboratory; and
 - (B) act on the same targets in the brain as natural opioids to produce analgesic effects.

1 **TITLE I—PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**
2 **FOR LOCAL AND STATE EDU-**
3 **CATIONAL AGENCIES**

4 **SEC. 101. SYNTHETIC OPIOID MISUSE AND OVERDOSE EDU-**
5 **CATION, AWARENESS, AND PREVENTION**
6 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
8 with the Secretary of Education, shall administer a pilot
9 program to eligible partnerships to provide financial as-
10 sistance for the prevention of, treatment of, and recovery
11 from, disorders stemming from the misuse of synthetic
12 opioids by children, adolescents, and young adults.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term “eli-
15 gible partnership” means a partnership of—

16 (A) a local educational agency, a State
17 educational agency, a Bureau of Indian Edu-
18 cation school, an educational service agency, or
19 a consortium of local educational agencies seek-
20 ing to establish or expand a program to reduce
21 the misuse of synthetic opioids and establish re-
22 covery programs or services for children, adoles-
23 cents, and young adults; and

24 (B) a State, local, territorial, or Tribal
25 health agency or organization, a qualified non-

1 governmental entity with appropriate expertise
2 in providing substance use disorder education,
3 prevention, and treatment services or programs
4 for children, adolescents, or young adults, as
5 defined by the Secretary, or a consortium of en-
6 tities that includes a State, local, territorial, or
7 Tribal health agency or organization.

8 (2) RECOVERY PROGRAM.—The term “recovery
9 program” means a program—

10 (A) to help children, adolescents, or young
11 adults who are recovering from substance use
12 disorders to initiate, stabilize, and maintain
13 healthy and productive lives in the community;
14 and

15 (B) that includes peer-to-peer support de-
16 livered by individuals with lived experience in
17 recovery, and communal activities to build re-
18 covery skills and supportive social networks.

19 (c) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary,
20 in consultation with the Secretary of Education, shall
21 award 3-year grants, on a competitive basis, to up to 25
22 eligible partnerships to enable such partnerships to pre-
23 vent the misuse of synthetic opioids by children, adoles-
24 cents, and young adults.

1 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible partnership that re-
2 ceives a grant under this section shall use amounts made
3 available through such grant for evidence-based activities,
4 which may include any of the following:

5 (1) Developing evidence-based materials for
6 teachers to use as a component of classroom instruc-
7 tion, and sharing these materials with parents and
8 families.

9 (2) Designing evidence-based professional devel-
10 opment for teachers, school leaders, specialized in-
11 structional support personnel, classified school em-
12 ployees, and other school staff members.

13 (3) Developing in- and out-of-school workshops
14 and accessible and tailored content for students,
15 families, and teachers to attain information about
16 the misuse of synthetic opioids.

17 (4) Creating efficient and effective multimedia
18 communication campaigns, including through social
19 media, to maximize outreach efforts to students,
20 parents, and families.

21 (5) Awarding contracts to nonprofit organiza-
22 tions—

23 (A) specializing in substance misuse pre-
24 vention education efforts;

(B) with demonstrated success in reaching,
engaging, and supporting local and State educational agencies, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and other schools; and

(C) with expertise in designing recovery programs for synthetic opioid misuse and overdose prevention.

8 (6) Establishing peer-to-peer counseling pro-
9 grams for students at secondary schools to support
10 the work of school-based mental health professionals
11 in preventing the misuse of synthetic opioids.

12 (7) Other purposes as may be specified by the
13 Secretary

14 (e) APPLICATIONS AND ASSURANCES.—To seek a
15 grant under this section, an eligible partnership shall sub-
16 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
17 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
18 may reasonably require, which shall include the following:

19 (1) A description, containing qualitative and
20 quantitative information, of the existing need for
21 such a grant in the area proposed to be served
22 through the grant, which description may include in-
23 formation on—

(A) the rate of misuse of and overdoses attributable to synthetic opioids among children,

1 adolescents, and young adults under the age of
2 21;

3 (B) if available, data indicating the trend
4 of synthetic opioid misuse and overdoses among
5 children, adolescents, and young adults under
6 the age of 21 over the past 5 years; and

7 (C) the availability of synthetic opioids.

8 (2) A description of the initiatives, activities, or
9 programs the eligible partnership will fund through
10 the grant, including how such initiatives, activities,
11 or programs will reduce the misuse of and overdoses
12 attributable to synthetic opioids in the area proposed
13 to be served through the grant.

14 (3) A description of how the eligible partnership
15 will establish a local interagency agreement to en-
16 sure adequate and effective collaboration among en-
17 tities in the partnership to carry out the initiatives,
18 activities, or programs described in paragraph (2).

19 (4) A description of how the initiatives, activi-
20 ties, or programs described in paragraph (2) will be
21 linguistically appropriate and culturally responsive
22 for students and families served by the eligible part-
23 nership.

24 (5) A description of how the initiatives, activi-
25 ties, or programs described in paragraph (2) will

1 support students and families served by the eligible
2 partnership in reversing individual and community-
3 wide effects of synthetic opioid misuse and
4 overdoses.

5 (6) An assurance that—

6 (A) persons providing services through the
7 grant awarded to the eligible partnership will be
8 adequately trained to provide such services; and

9 (B) teachers, school leaders, administrators,
10 specialized instructional support personnel,
11 representatives of local Indian Tribes or Tribal
12 organizations as appropriate, other school per-
13 sonnel, and parents or guardians of students
14 participating in services funded through a grant
15 under this section will be engaged in the design
16 and implementation of the initiatives, activities,
17 or programs described in paragraph (2).

18 (7) A description of how the eligible partnership
19 will support and integrate existing school, local edu-
20 cational agency, and State initiatives, activities, or
21 programs with the initiatives, activities, or programs
22 described in paragraph (2) to provide synthetic
23 opioid misuse and overdose prevention services for
24 students, as appropriate.

1 (f) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
2 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
3 that have a higher rate of youth illicit drug use, including
4 the use of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids.

5 (g) DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS.—Subject to sub-
6 section (f), the Secretary shall ensure that grants awarded
7 under this section are equitably distributed among the
8 geographical regions of the United States and among
9 Tribal, urban, suburban, and rural populations.

10 (h) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Any services
11 provided through initiatives, activities, or programs car-
12 ried out under this section shall supplement, not supplant,
13 existing services to prevent the misuse by students of, and
14 overdoses of students attributable to, synthetic opioids.

15 (i) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

16 (1) REVIEW.—In accordance with section
17 102(b), the Secretary shall regularly review the initia-
18 tives, activities, or programs of eligible partner-
19 ships receiving a grant under this section to ensure
20 that such partnerships are using the grant for the
21 purposes for which it was provided.

22 (2) NOTIFICATION OF REPORTS.—Not later
23 than 90 days after the Secretary awards grants for
24 the first year of the program under this section, the
25 Secretary shall—

1 (A) require eligible partnerships receiving a
2 grant under this section to submit reports, on
3 an annual basis, detailing the initiatives, activi-
4 ties, or programs funded through such grant;
5 and

6 (B) notify such eligible partnerships of
7 such reporting requirement.

8 (3) TIMELINE OF REPORTS.—Each eligible
9 partnership receiving a grant under this section shall
10 submit the first report described in paragraph (2) to
11 the Secretary not later than one year after receiving
12 a grant under this section.

13 (4) CONTENT OF REPORTS.—Each report re-
14 quired under paragraph (2) shall include, at min-
15 imum, the following information:

16 (A) The effectiveness of the grant awarded
17 under this section in reducing synthetic opioid
18 misuse and overdose among the students served
19 by the eligible partnership.

20 (B) Details regarding the initiatives, activi-
21 ties, or programs funded through the grant and
22 further details about any subgrants awarded by
23 the eligible partnership to help carry out
24 planned initiatives, activities, or programs.

7 (D) If applicable, any challenges faced by
8 the eligible partnership in reaching or engaging
9 parents, students, teachers, school leaders, spe-
10 cialized instructional support personnel, and
11 other relevant stakeholders with the initiatives,
12 activities, or programs developed through the
13 grant.

(5) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after receiving reports from eligible partnerships receiving a grant under this section, the Secretary shall submit such reports and a brief overview of the data and outcomes described in such reports to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

1 (j) PUBLICATION OF PROGRAMS.—Each eligible part-
2 nership receiving a grant under this section shall—

3 (1) post on the eligible partnership's website
4 the initiatives, activities, and programs supported
5 through the grant; and

6 (2) disseminate to families served by the eligible
7 partnership, in widely accessible formats, content
8 from and information about such initiatives, activi-
9 ties, and programs.

10 (k) SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary
11 shall—

12 (1) collect content from and information about
13 all initiatives, activities, and programs developed by
14 each eligible partnerships through a grant under this
15 section; and

16 (2) in conjunction with the Secretary of Edu-
17 cation, make such content and information publicly
18 available and widely accessible.

19 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; RESERVA-**
20 **TION.**

21 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-
22 propriated to carry out section 101 \$50,000,000 for each
23 of fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

24 (b) RESERVATION FOR EVALUATION AND TECH-
25 NICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may reserve not more

1 than 3 percent of the funds appropriated under subsection
2 (a) for any fiscal year to—
3 (1) conduct a rigorous, independent evaluation
4 of the initiatives, activities, or programs funded
5 under section 101;
6 (2) provide technical assistance and share best
7 practices with respect to initiatives, activities, or
8 programs that are developed by eligible partnerships
9 through grants under section 101; and
10 (3) provide technical assistance to eligible part-
11 nerships applying for a grant under section 101,
12 through the use of webinars, direct emails, mailed
13 outreach, and other strategies designed to reach un-
14 derserved eligible partnerships, including eligible
15 partnerships located in rural and remote areas.

16 **TITLE II—ESTABLISHMENT OF
17 AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE**

18 **SEC. 201. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING
19 SYNTHETIC OPIOID MISUSE AND OVERDOSE
20 AMONG YOUTH.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
23 tablish a task force, to be known as the Interagency Task
24 Force on Preventing Opioid Misuse and Overdose Among
25 Youth (in this section referred to as the “Task Force”)

1 to identify, evaluate, and make recommendations to co-
2 ordinate and improve Federal responses to synthetic
3 opioid overdose and misuse in youth.

4 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of the Task
5 Force shall include—

6 (1) the officials serving under paragraphs (1)
7 through (9) of subsection (c); and

8 (2) the members serving under paragraphs
9 (10), (11), and (12) of subsection (c), to be ap-
10 pointed by the Secretary.

11 (c) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be com-
12 posed of at least 12, but not more than 17, members as
13 follows:

14 (1) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices, who shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.

16 (2) The Secretary of Education.

17 (3) The Assistant Secretary for Mental Health
18 and Substance Use.

19 (4) The Assistant Secretary for Children and
20 Families.

21 (5) The Director of the Centers for Disease
22 Control and Prevention.

23 (6) The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and
24 Secondary Education.

1 (7) The Director of the Agency for Health Re-
2 search and Quality.

3 (8) The Surgeon General of the Public Health
4 Service.

5 (9) The Director of the National Institute of
6 Mental Health of the National Institutes of Health.

7 (10) At least two, and not more than three,
8 non-Federal representatives who are parents of
9 youth who died from an overdose of fentanyl or an-
10 other synthetic opioid.

11 (11) At least one, and not more than two, non-
12 Federal representatives of one or more nationally
13 recognized nonprofit organizations working to raise
14 awareness about and prevent misuse of synthetic
15 opioids by youth.

16 (12) Such other Federal or non-Federal rep-
17 resentatives as determined by the Secretary.

18 (d) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall—

19 (1) develop and regularly update a report that
20 identifies, analyzes, and evaluates the state of Fed-
21 eral, State, and local programs to address synthetic
22 opioid misuse and overdose in youth, and identifies
23 best practices including—

(i) prevention strategies for youth at risk of fentanyl and synthetic opioids misuse and overdose;

(ii) the identification, screening, diagnosis, intervention, and treatment of youth affected by synthetic opioid misuse;

15 (iv) community-based or
16 multigenerational practices that support
17 youth and families affected by synthetic
18 opioid misuse and overdose; and

19 (B) Federal and State programs and ac-
20 tivities to prevent, screen, diagnose, intervene,
21 and treat synthetic opioid misuse and overdose
22 in youth; and

23 (2) develop and regularly update a national
24 strategy for—

1 (A) youth synthetic opioid misuse and
2 overdose prevention, taking into consideration
3 the findings of the reports under paragraph (1);
4 and

10 SEC. 202. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit or otherwise alter the authority of any of the Federal agencies referred to in section 201(c) to carry out programs to reduce synthetic opioid overdose and misuse under other provisions of law.

16 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO**
17 **THE ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**
18 **ONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF**
19 **1965**

20 SEC. 301. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL
21 PERSONNEL.

22 Section 2101(c)(4)(B) of the Elementary and Sec-
23 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6611(c)(4)(B))
24 is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating clauses (xvi) through (xxi)
2 as clauses (xvii) through (xxii), respectively; and
3 (2) by inserting after clause (xv) the following:
4 “(xvi) Providing training for all school
5 personnel, including teachers, principals,
6 other school leaders, specialized instruc-
7 tional support personnel, paraprofessionals,
8 counselors, and mental health profes-
9 sionals, regarding how to address and pre-
10 vent the misuse of synthetic opioids, in-
11 cluding fentanyl or any substituted deriva-
12 tive of fentanyl, among students.”.

13 **SEC. 302. AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY**

14 **PLANS.**

15 Section 1112(b) of the Elementary and Secondary
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6312(b)) is amended—
17 (1) in paragraph (12)(B), by striking “and” at
18 the end;

19 (2) by redesignating paragraph (13) as para-
20 graph (14); and

21 (3) by inserting after paragraph (12) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(13) how the local educational agency will en-
24 gage teachers and school leaders, in consultation
25 with parents, local educational agency administra-

1 tors, public health officials, paraprofessionals, spe-
2 cialized instructional support personnel, school coun-
3 selors, and school psychologists, to address and pre-
4 vent the misuse of synthetic opioids, including
5 fentanyl or any substituted derivative of fentanyl,
6 among students; and”.

7 **SEC. 303. AMENDMENTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY**

8 **PLANS.**

9 Section 1111(g)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(g)(1)) is amend-
11 ed—

12 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
13 the end;

14 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as sub-
15 paragraph (H); and

16 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(G) how the State educational agency will
19 provide support to local educational agencies re-
20 ceiving assistance under this part in addressing
21 and preventing the misuse of synthetic opioids,
22 including fentanyl or any substituted derivative
23 of fentanyl, among students; and”.

1 **TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
3 **DATA COLLECTION**

4 **SEC. 401. CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION ON ACCESS TO**
5 **SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS.**

6 For each Civil Rights Data Collection (or any suc-
7 cessor to such data collection) required under section
8 203(c)(1) of the Department of Education Organization
9 Act (20 U.S.C. 3413(c)(1)) that is carried out on or after
10 January 1, 2024, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
11 of the Department of Education shall include collection
12 of data on the—

13 (1) prevalence of fentanyl and other synthetic
14 opioids in secondary schools receiving Federal finan-
15 cial assistance; and

16 (2) suspensions, expulsions, and arrests of stu-
17 dents resulting from the use or possession of
18 fentanyl and other synthetic opioids in secondary
19 schools receiving Federal financial assistance.

20 **SEC. 402. NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS**
21 **SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY DATA.**

22 Section 153(a)(1)(H) of the Education Sciences Re-
23 form Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9543(a)(1)(H)) is amend-
24 ed—

25 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;

1 (2) in clause (iii), by inserting “and” at the
2 end; and

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

4 “(iv) access to synthetic opioids, in-
5 cluding fentanyl, on school premises, and
6 the effects of such substances on school
7 safety and student health and well-being;”.

8 **TITLE V—SCHOOL-BASED
9 HEALTH CENTERS AND RE-
10 PORTING**

11 **SEC. 501. NALOXONE IN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.**

12 Section 399Z-1(f)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 280h-5(f)(1)(A)) is amended—

14 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end
15 and inserting “or”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(v) the purchase of naloxone to re-
18 verse the effects of opioid overdose, and
19 the establishment of other programs to ad-
20 dress and prevent the misuse of synthetic
21 opioids, including fentanyl or any sub-
22 stituted derivative of fentanyl; and”.

1 **SEC. 502. AMENDMENTS TO THE MONITORING THE FUTURE**

2 **SURVEY.**

3 Beginning on January 1, 2024, the Director of the
4 National Institute on Drug Abuse, in collaboration with
5 the Secretary and the Director of the National Institutes
6 of Health, shall require the survey funded by the National
7 Institute on Drug Abuse and titled “Monitoring the Fu-
8 ture” to include—

9 (1) indicators to measure the use of, perception
10 of harm of, and access to counterfeit or synthetic
11 opioids among youth; and

12 (2) where applicable, indicators to measure the
13 extent to which respondents are aware of the coun-
14 terfeit or synthetic nature of any opioids used or en-
15 countered by such respondents.

16 **SEC. 503. YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.**

17 Beginning on January 1, 2024, the Director of the
18 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall require
19 the data collection survey for the Youth Risk Behavior
20 Surveillance System to include—

21 (1) questions related to the use of, awareness
22 regarding, and exposure to counterfeit or synthetic
23 opioids, including fentanyl; and

24 (2) where applicable, indicators to measure the
25 extent to which respondents are aware of the coun-

1 terfeit or synthetic nature of any opioids used or en-
2 countered by such respondents.

3 **SEC. 504. EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS AND**
4 **REACH OF THE STATE UNINTENTIONAL**
5 **DRUG OVERDOSE REPORTING SYSTEM.**

6 (a) **EVALUATION.**—Beginning on or after January 1,
7 2024, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
8 Prevention shall conduct an evaluation determining the ef-
9 fectiveness of the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Re-
10 porting System in collecting and reporting data regard-
11 ing—

12 (1) specific synthetic opioids causing or contrib-
13 uting to overdose and death among children, adoles-
14 cents, and young adults; and

15 (2) the extent to which children, adolescents,
16 and young adults are aware of the counterfeit or
17 synthetic nature of any opioids used or encountered
18 by such children, adolescents, and young adults.

19 (b) **REPORTS.**—Not later than 180 days after con-
20 cluding such evaluation, the Director of the Centers for
21 Disease Control and Prevention shall develop and submit
22 to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Edu-
23 cation and the Workforce of the House of Representatives
24 and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
25 Pensions of the Senate the findings of the evaluation and,

- 1 if applicable, recommendations to improve the quality and
- 2 availability of data described in subsection (a).

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated \$250,000 for fiscal year
5 2024 to carry out this section.

