

HOUSE BILL 1964

By Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 18; Title 9; Title 33; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to opioid abuse. This act makes appropriations for opioid abuse treatment and prevention for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Opioid Abuse Treatment and Prevention Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Department" means the department of health;

(2) "Eligible entity" means a city, a county, a metropolitan government, or any combination thereof; and

(3) "Receiving entity" means an eligible entity that receives an opioid abuse allocation.

(b) The department shall administer an opioid abuse treatment and prevention allocation program. The department shall develop standards and guidelines for the submission of proposals for applications under the allocation program and for the manner in which applications will be selected and approved. The amount of each allocation shall be determined by the department. Total allocations awarded may not exceed two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000).

(c) From funds available for the opioid abuse treatment and prevention allocation program on September 1, 2018, the department shall distribute allocations to eligible entities based on applications received by August 15, 2018.

(d) Program funds may be used to fund treatment, prevention, or other programs designed to combat opioid addiction. No program funds shall be used for salaries or other recurring expenditures.

(e) Allocations awarded to a receiving entity shall be administered at the direction of the entity's governing body in a manner consistent with the entity's application.

(f) By April 1, 2019, each receiving entity shall submit a written report on the use of program funds to the department, the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house of representatives, and the directors of the office of legislative budget analysis.

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(1) From the reserve for revenue fluctuations, the sum of two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) is transferred to the general fund.

(2) There is appropriated the sum of two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) to the department of health for the sole purpose of the opioid abuse treatment and prevention allocation program.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-211, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) may be transferred from the reserve for revenue fluctuations to the general fund for opioid abuse treatment and prevention during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.