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H. R. 4088

To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to reauthorize a program to support individuals in substance use disorder treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2023

Mr. BARR (for himself and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas) 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 amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to reauthorize a program to support individuals in substance use disorder treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Addic-
3 tion Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry
4 Act of 2023” or the “CAREER Act of 2023”.

5 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND WORKFORCE SUP-**
6 **PORT GRANTS.**

7 Section 7183 of the SUPPORT for Patients and
8 Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–8) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting “each” before
10 “for a period”;

11 (2) by amending subsection (c)(2) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(2) **RATES.**—The rates described in this para-
14 graph are the following:

15 “(A) The amount by which the average
16 rate of drug overdose deaths in the State, ad-
17 justed for age, for the period of 5 calendar
18 years for which there is available data, includ-
19 ing if necessary provisional data, immediately
20 preceding the grant cycle (which shall be the
21 period of calendar years 2018 through 2022 for
22 the first grant cycle following the enactment of
23 the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through
24 Effective Employment and Reentry Act of
25 2023) is above the average national overdose
26 mortality rate, as determined by the Director of

1 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
2 for the same period.

3 “(B) The amount by which the average
4 rate of unemployment for the State, based on
5 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statis-
6 tics, for the period of 5 calendar years for
7 which there is available data, including if nec-
8 essary provisional data, immediately preceding
9 the grant cycle (which shall be the period of cal-
10 endar years 2018 through 2022 for the first
11 grant cycle following the enactment of the Com-
12 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
13 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2023) is
14 above the national average for the same period.

15 “(C) The amount by which the average
16 rate of labor force participation in the State,
17 based on data provided by the Bureau of Labor
18 Statistics, for the period of 5 calendar years for
19 which there is available data, including if nec-
20 essary provisional data, immediately preceding
21 the grant cycle (which shall be the period of cal-
22 endar years 2018 through 2022 for the first
23 grant cycle following the enactment of the Com-
24 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
25 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2023) is

1 below the national average for the same pe-
2 riod.”;

3 (3) in subsection (g)—

4 (A) in paragraphs (1) and (3), by redesign-
5 nating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses
6 (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the mar-
7 gins accordingly;

8 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
9 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
10 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
11 ingly;

12 (C) by striking “An entity” and inserting
13 the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity”; and

15 (D) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.—An entity
17 receiving a grant under this section may use the
18 funds for providing transportation for individuals to
19 participate in an activity supported by a grant under
20 this section, which transportation shall be to or from
21 a place of work or a place where the individual is re-
22 ceiving vocational education or job training services
23 or receiving services directly linked to treatment of
24 or recovery from a substance use disorder.”;

25 (4) in subsection (j)—

- 1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for
2 each grant cycle” after “grant period”; and
3 (B) in paragraph (2)—
4 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
5 graph (A)—
6 (I) by striking “the preliminary
7 report” and inserting “each prelimi-
8 nary report”; and
9 (II) by inserting “for the grant
10 cycle” after “final report”; and
11 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
12 “(g)(3)” and inserting “(g)(1)(C)”; and
13 (5) in subsection (k), by striking “\$5,000,000
14 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-
15 serting “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
16 through 2028”.

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