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H. R. 5469

To amend the 21st Century Cures Act to support State and local agencies with responsibility for children services in their response to the opioid abuse crisis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STRICKLAND (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. WILD, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. KILMER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. SEWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Furthering Opioid
5 Services, Training, and Education Resources Act” or the
6 “FOSTER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPIOID GRANTS TO SUPPORT CAREGIVERS, KIN-**
2 **SHIP CARE FAMILIES, AND KINSHIP CARE-**
3 **GIVERS.**

4 (a) OPIOID GRANTS.—Section 1003(b)(2) of the 21st
5 Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
8 paragraph (F); and

9 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(E) Supporting opioid abuse prevention
12 and treatment services within a State provided
13 by State and local agencies for children and
14 caregivers, kinship care families, and kinship
15 caregivers through—

16 “(i) workforce recruitment and train-
17 ing;

18 “(ii) health care services (including
19 such services described in subparagraph
20 (D)); and

21 “(iii) foster and adoptive parent re-
22 cruitment and training.”.

23 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1003 of the 21st Century
24 Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) is amended—

25 (1) by redesignating subsections (h), (i), and (j)
26 as subsections (i), (j), and (k), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘kinship care family’ means a
5 family with a kinship caregiver.

6 “(2) The term ‘kinship caregiver’ means a rel-
7 ative of a child by blood, marriage, or adoption,
8 who—

9 “(A) lives with the child;

10 “(B) is the primary caregiver of the child
11 because the biological or adoptive parent of the
12 child is unable or unwilling to serve as the pri-
13 mary caregiver of the child; and

14 “(C) has a legal relationship to the child or
15 is raising the child informally.”.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
17 1003(i) of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–
18 3 note), as redesignated, is amended by inserting “, and
19 \$255,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”
20 after “2021”.

21 (d) SET ASIDE.—Section 1003(j) of the 21st Century
22 Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note), as redesignated, is
23 amended—

24 (1) by striking “, and up to” and inserting “,
25 up to”; and

1 (2) by inserting before the period at the end “,
2 and 1 percent of such amount for such fiscal year
3 shall be made available to carry out subsection
4 (b)(2)(E)”.

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