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To reauthorize certain programs under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and for other purposes.

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Mr. McCONNELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Comprehensive Addic-
5 tion Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry
6 Act of 2023” or the “CAREER Act of 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND WORKFORCE SUP-**
8 **PORT GRANTS.**

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

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

3 (2) by amending subsection (c)(2) to read as
4 follows:

5 “(2) RATES.—The rates described in this para-
6 graph are the following:

7 “(A) The amount by which the average
8 rate of drug overdose deaths in the State, ad-
9 justed for age, for the period of 5 calendar
10 years for which there is available data, includ-
11 ing if necessary provisional data, immediately
12 preceding the grant cycle (which shall be the
13 period of calendar years 2018 through 2022 for
14 the first grant cycle following the enactment of
15 the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through
16 Effective Employment and Reentry Act of
17 2023) is above the average national overdose
18 mortality rate, as determined by the Director of
19 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
20 for the same period.

21 “(B) The amount by which the average
22 rate of unemployment for the State, based on
23 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statis-
24 tics, for the period of 5 calendar years for
25 which there is available data, including if nec-

1 essary provisional data, immediately preceding
2 the grant cycle (which shall be the period of cal-
3 endar years 2018 through 2022 for the first
4 grant cycle following the enactment of the Com-
5 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
6 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2023) is
7 above the national average for the same period.

8 “(C) The amount by which the average
9 rate of labor force participation in the State,
10 based on data provided by the Bureau of Labor
11 Statistics, for the period of 5 calendar years for
12 which there is available data, including if nec-
13 essary provisional data, immediately preceding
14 the grant cycle (which shall be the period of cal-
15 endar years 2018 through 2022 for the first
16 grant cycle following the enactment of the Com-
17 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
18 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2023) is
19 below the national average for the same pe-
20 riod.”;

21 (3) in subsection (g)—

22 (A) in paragraphs (1) and (3), by redesign-
23 ating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses
24 (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the mar-
25 gins accordingly;

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
2 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
3 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
4 ingly;

5 (C) by striking “An entity” and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity”; and

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

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

18 (4) in subsection (j)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for
20 each grant cycle” after “grant period”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
23 graph (A)—

1 (I) by striking “the preliminary
2 report” and inserting “each prelimi-
3 nary report”; and

4 (II) by inserting “for the grant
5 cycle” after “final report”; and

6 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “(g)(3)” and inserting “(g)(1)(C)”; and

8 (5) in subsection (k), by striking “\$5,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-
10 sserting “\$36,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
11 through 2028”.

12 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RECOVERY HOUSING**
13 **PROGRAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8071 of the SUPPORT
15 for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 5301 note;
16 Public Law 115–271) is amended—

17 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
18 ing “**RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM**”;

19 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “through
20 2023” and inserting “through 2028”;

21 (3) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “not
23 later than 60 days after the date of enactment
24 of this Act” and inserting “not later than 60
25 days after the date of enactment of the Com-

1 comprehensive Addiction Recovery through Effective
2 Employment and Reentry Act of 2023”;
3 and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i)—

5 (i) in subclause (I), by striking “for
6 calendar years 2013 through 2017” and
7 inserting “for the period of 5 calendar
8 years for which there is available data, in-
9 cluding if necessary provisional data, im-
10 mediately preceding the grant cycle (which
11 shall be the period of calendar years 2018
12 through 2022 for the first grant cycle fol-
13 lowing the enactment of the Comprehen-
14 sive Addiction Recovery through Effective
15 Employment and Reentry Act of 2023)”;

16 (ii) in subclause (II), by striking “for
17 calendar years 2013 through 2017” and
18 inserting “for the period of 5 calendar
19 years for which there is available data, in-
20 cluding if necessary provisional data, im-
21 mediately preceding the grant cycle (which
22 shall be the period of calendar years 2018
23 through 2022 for the first grant cycle fol-
24 lowing the enactment of the Comprehen-
25 sive Addiction Recovery through Effective

1 Employment and Reentry Act of 2023)”;
2 and

3 (iii) in subclause (III), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “for the
5 period of 5 calendar years for which there
6 is available data, including if necessary
7 provisional data, immediately preceding the
8 grant cycle (which shall be the period of
9 calendar years 2018 through 2022 for the
10 first grant cycle following the enactment of
11 the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery
12 through Effective Employment and Re-
13 entry Act of 2023).”; and

14 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “For the 2-
15 year period following the date of enactment of this
16 Act, the” and inserting “The”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 in section 1(b) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Com-
19 munities Act (Public Law 115–271; 132 Stat. 3894) is
20 amended by striking the item relating to section 8071 and
21 inserting the following:

“Sec. 8071. Recovery Housing Program.”.

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