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H. R. 2463

To authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for drug disposal sites.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERA (for himself and Mr. ROE of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for drug disposal sites.

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 “Dispose Responsibly
5 of your Pills Act of 2015” or “DROP Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR DRUG DISPOSAL SITES.**

7 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General,
8 in coordination with the Administrator of the Drug En-
9 forcement Administration, the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services, and the Director of the Office of Na-
2 tional Drug Control Policy, may make grants to eligible
3 entities to expand or make available disposal sites for un-
4 wanted prescription medications.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a
7 grant under this section shall submit an application
8 to the Attorney General—

9 (A) that meets the criteria under para-
10 graph (2); and

11 (B) at such time, in such manner, and ac-
12 companied by such information as the Attorney
13 General may require.

14 (2) CRITERIA.—An eligible entity, in submitting
15 an application under paragraph (1), shall—

16 (A) describe the evidence-based method-
17 ology and outcome measurements that will be
18 used to evaluate the program funded with a
19 grant under this section, and specifically ex-
20 plain how such measurements will provide valid
21 measures of the impact of the program;

22 (B) describe how the program could be
23 broadly replicated if demonstrated to be effec-
24 tive; and

1 (C) identify the governmental and commu-
2 nity agencies that will coordinate the program.

3 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity shall use a
4 grant received under this section for—

5 (1) expenses of a prescription drug disposal
6 site, including materials and resources;

7 (2) implementing disposal procedures and proc-
8 esses;

9 (3) implementing community education strate-
10 gies, including community education materials and
11 resources;

12 (4) replicating a prescription drug take back
13 initiative throughout multiple jurisdictions; and

14 (5) training of law enforcement officers and
15 other community participants.

16 (d) GRANT AMOUNTS AND DURATION.—

17 (1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Attorney General
18 may not award a grant under this section in an
19 amount that exceeds \$250,000.

20 (2) DURATION.—The Attorney General shall
21 award grants under this section for a period not to
22 exceed 2 years.

23 (e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT.—The Attorney
24 General shall make a grant to provide technical assistance

1 and training for an eligible entity receiving a grant under
2 this section.

3 (f) EVALUATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
5 make a grant for evaluation of the performance of
6 each eligible entity receiving a grant under this sec-
7 tion.

8 (2) REPORTS.—Each fiscal year, the recipient
9 of a grant under this subsection shall submit to the
10 Attorney General a report that evaluates—

11 (A) the effectiveness of the prescription
12 drug take back program of each eligible entity
13 receiving a grant under this section; and

14 (B) the effect of disposal efforts on drug
15 circulation.

16 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Attorney Gen-
17 eral shall make the reports submitted under para-
18 graph (2) publicly available on the public Internet
19 website of the Attorney General.

20 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

23 (h) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this sec-
24 tion, the term “eligible entity” means—

- 1 (1) a State, local, or tribal law enforcement
- 2 agency;
- 3 (2) a manufacturer, distributor, or reverse dis-
- 4 tributor of prescription medications;
- 5 (3) a retail pharmacy;
- 6 (4) a registered narcotic treatment program;
- 7 (5) a hospital or clinic with an on-site phar-
- 8 macy;
- 9 (6) an eligible long-term care facility; or
- 10 (7) any other entity authorized by the Drug
- 11 Enforcement Administration to dispose of prescrip-
- 12 tion medications.

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