

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4190

To amend the 21st Century Cures Act to ensure the equitable distribution of resources to address the opioid epidemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself and Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia) 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 “Federal Opioid Re-
5 sponse Fairness Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES TO AD-**
7 **DRESS THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence in paragraph
9 (1) of section 1003(c) of the 21st Century Cures Act

1 (Public Law 114–255; 42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) is amend-
2 ed by striking “States with an incidence or prevalence of
3 opioid use disorders that is substantially higher relative
4 to other States.” and inserting “States—”

5 “(A) with an incidence or prevalence of
6 opioid use disorders and associated adverse
7 health effects, including neonatal abstinence
8 syndrome, that are substantially higher relative
9 to other States;

10 “(B) in which the incidence rate of opioid
11 use disorders, or the opioid-related drug over-
12 dose mortality rate, is substantially higher than
13 what such rate was during the year immediately
14 preceding the year in which such grants are
15 awarded; and

16 “(C) with a per capita prescription opioid,
17 heroin, or synthetic opioid overdose mortality
18 rate that is substantially higher relative to
19 other States.”.

20 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The first sentence in
21 paragraph (1) of section 1003(c) of the 21st Century
22 Cures Act (Public Law 114–255; 42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note)
23 is amended by striking “in accordance with subparagraph
24 (B)” and inserting “in accordance with paragraph (2)”.

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