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To direct the Comptroller General to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on best practices in use by Federal departments and agencies to reduce opioid usage following medical procedures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2018

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS) 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 “Combating Opioid Mis-
5 use By Advancing Treatment Act of 2018” or the “COM-
6 BAT Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON BEST PRACTICES IN USE BY FEDERAL**
2 **GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE OPIOID USAGE**
3 **FOLLOWING MEDICAL PROCEDURES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, the Adminis-
7 trator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
8 the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and the
9 Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall conduct a study
10 on best practices in use by Federal departments and agen-
11 cies to reduce opioid usage following a medical procedure
12 that is conducted, funded, or otherwise supported by such
13 departments and agencies.

14 (b) TOPICS.—The study required by subsection (a)—

15 (1) shall—

16 (A) include analysis of the research that
17 has been, and is being, conducted or supported
18 on reducing opioid usage following medical pro-
19 cedures described in subsection (a);

20 (B) disaggregate such analysis according
21 to whether the medical procedure is a short-
22 term medical procedure or a long-term medical
23 procedure; and

24 (C) take into consideration—

25 (i) the costs associated with using the
26 best practices described in subsection (a)

1 relative to the costs of not using such best
2 practices; and

3 (ii) the rates of addiction to opioids
4 associated with using the best practices de-
5 scribed in subsection (a) relative to the
6 rates of addiction to opioids associated
7 with not using such best practices; and

8 (2) shall include analysis of—

9 (A) gaps that have been identified by Fed-
10 eral officials with respect to the costs and rates
11 described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph
12 (1)(C) relative to adult, young adult, and ado-
13 lescent populations; and

14 (B) justifications offered by such officials
15 for such gaps.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
17 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
18 submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a
19 report containing the results of the study conducted under
20 subsection (a), including—

21 (1) a summary of the findings of the study;

22 (2) recommendations based on the results of
23 the study, including recommendations for such areas
24 of research and legislative and administrative action

1 as the Comptroller General determines appropriate;
2 and

3 (3) recommendations on educating health care
4 providers about the findings of the study.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

6 (1) The term “short-term medical procedure”
7 means a medical procedure with a recovery time of
8 less than 30 calendar days.

9 (2) The term “long-term medical procedure”
10 means a medical procedure with a recovery time of
11 30 calendar days or more.

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