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H. R. 5294

To amend title 40, United States Code, to address the impact of drug abuse on economic development in Appalachia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA (for himself, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Treating Barriers to
5 Prosperity Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRUG ABUSE MITIGATION INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 145 of title 40, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 14509
9 the following:

1 **“§ 14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Appalachian Regional Com-
3 mission may provide technical assistance to, make grants
4 to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide amounts
5 to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for
6 projects and activities to address drug abuse, including
7 opioid abuse, in the region, including projects and activi-
8 ties—

9 “(1) to facilitate the sharing of best practices
10 among States, counties, and other experts in the re-
11 gion with respect to reducing such abuse;

12 “(2) to initiate or expand programs designed to
13 eliminate or reduce the harm to the workforce and
14 economic growth of the region that results from such
15 abuse;

16 “(3) to attract and retain relevant health care
17 services, businesses, and workers; and

18 “(4) to develop relevant infrastructure, includ-
19 ing broadband infrastructure that supports the use
20 of telemedicine.

21 “(b) LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Of the
22 cost of any activity eligible for a grant under this sec-
23 tion—

24 “(1) not more than 50 percent may be provided
25 from amounts appropriated to carry out this section;
26 and

1 “(2) notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

2 “(A) in the case of a project to be carried
3 out in a county for which a distressed county
4 designation is in effect under section 14526,
5 not more than 80 percent may be provided from
6 amounts appropriated to carry out this section;
7 and

8 “(B) in the case of a project to be carried
9 out in a county for which an at-risk designation
10 is in effect under section 14526, not more than
11 70 percent may be provided from amounts ap-
12 propriated to carry out this section.

13 “(c) SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to sub-
14 section (b), a grant provided under this section may be
15 provided from amounts made available to carry out this
16 section in combination with amounts made available—

17 “(1) under any other Federal program (subject
18 to the availability of subsequent appropriations); or

19 “(2) from any other source.

20 “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any provi-
21 sion of law limiting the Federal share under any other
22 Federal program, amounts made available to carry out
23 this section may be used to increase that Federal share,
24 as the Appalachian Regional Commission determines to be
25 appropriate.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 145 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by
3 inserting after the item relating to section 14509 the fol-
4 lowing:

“14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative.”.

