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H. R. 5587

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize certain recovery services grants to be used to establish regional technical assistance centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2018

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio) 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 “Peer Support Commu-
5 nities of Recovery Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY.**

7 Section 547 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 290ee–2) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the heading, by striking “DEFINI-
2 TION” and inserting “DEFINITIONS”;

3 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
4 by striking “In this section, the term ‘recovery
5 community organization’ means an independent
6 nonprofit organization that—” and inserting
7 “In this section:”;

8 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
9 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
10 and moving such subparagraphs (as so redesign-
11 ated) 2 ems to the right;

12 (D) by inserting before subparagraph (A)
13 (as so redesignated) the following:

14 “(1) RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—
15 The term ‘recovery community organization’ means
16 an independent nonprofit organization that—”; and

17 (E) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
19 tity’ means—

20 “(A) a national nonprofit entity focused on
21 substance use disorder with a network of local
22 affiliates and partners that are geographically
23 and organizationally diverse; or

24 “(B) a nonprofit organization—

1 “(i) focused on substance use dis-
2 order;

3 “(ii) established by individuals in per-
4 sonal and family recovery; and

5 “(iii) serving prevention, treatment,
6 recovery, payor, faith-based, and criminal
7 justice stakeholders in the implementation
8 of local addiction and recovery initiatives.”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) by striking “The Secretary shall award
11 grants to recovery community organizations”
12 and inserting “The Secretary—

13 “(1) shall award grants to recovery community
14 organizations”;

15 (B) by striking “services.” and inserting
16 “services and, at the option of each such orga-
17 nization, carry out the activities described in
18 subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection
19 (c)(2); and”;

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(2) may award grants to eligible entities for
22 purposes of establishing regional technical assistance
23 centers, in accordance with subsection (c)(2)(D).”;

24 (3) by striking subsection (c);

1 (4) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
2 subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

3 (5) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “shall be
5 used” and inserting “to a recovery community
6 organization shall be used”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
9 graph (A), by striking “may be used to—
10 ” and inserting “may be used to carry out
11 the activities described in subparagraphs
12 (A) through (C) in the case of a grant
13 awarded to a recovery community organi-
14 zation and to carry out subparagraph (D)
15 in the case of a grant awarded to an eligi-
16 ble entity.”;

17 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

18 (I) in the matter preceding clause
19 (i), by striking “build” and inserting
20 “Build”; and

21 (II) in clause (vii), by striking
22 the semicolon at the end and inserting
23 a period;

24 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (I) by striking “reduce” and in-
2 sserting “Reduce”; and

3 (II) by striking “; and” and in-
4 sserting a period;

5 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking
6 “conduct” and inserting “Conduct”; and

7 (v) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(D) Provide for the establishment of re-
9 gional technical assistance centers to provide re-
10 gional technical assistance for the following:

11 “(i) Implementation of regionally driv-
12 en, peer-delivered addiction recovery sup-
13 port services before, during, after, or in
14 lieu of addiction treatment.

15 “(ii) Establishment of recovery com-
16 munity organizations.

17 “(iii) Establishment of recovery com-
18 munity centers.

19 “(iv) Overdose reversal medication
20 training and dissemination.”; and

21 (6) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated), by
22 inserting before the period the following: “, and
23 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
24 2023”.