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To direct the Secretary of Education to develop and disseminate an evidence-based curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 on the dangers of vaping and misusing opioids, synthetic drugs, and related substances.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2021

Mr. VELA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Saving America’s Fu-
5 ture by Educating Kids Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULUM ON SUBSTANCE**
7 **USE DISORDERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF
2 CURRICULUM.—The Secretary of Education, in con-
3 sultation with the partners described in paragraph
4 (2), shall develop and disseminate an evidence-based
5 curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 on
6 educating students at an age-appropriate level on
7 the dangers and harmful impacts of substances that
8 focuses on opioids, vaping, synthetic drugs, and
9 other related substances of misuse.

10 (2) PARTNERS.—The partners described in this
11 paragraph are the following:

12 (A) The Assistant Secretary of the Sub-
13 stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Ad-
14 ministration.

15 (B) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
16 ease Control and Prevention.

17 (C) The Assistant Secretary of the Admin-
18 istration for Children and Families.

19 (D) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

20 (E) The Director of the National Institute
21 on Drug Abuse or a designee of the Director
22 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

23 (F) The Director of the National Institute
24 on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism or a designee

1 of the Director from the National Institute on
2 Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

3 (G) The Administrator of the Office of Ju-
4 venile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of
5 the Department of Justice or a designee of the
6 Administrator from the Office of Juvenile Jus-
7 tice and Delinquency Prevention.

8 (H) The Director of the Office of National
9 Drug Control Policy.

10 (3) ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION.—The Sec-
11 retary of Education may also consult with State
12 educational agencies, local educational agencies, and
13 single State agencies during the development of the
14 evidence-based curriculum under paragraph (1).

15 (4) REVIEW AND UPDATE.—The Secretary of
16 Education, in consultation with the partners de-
17 scribed in paragraph (2), shall review and update
18 the evidence-based curriculum developed under para-
19 graph (1) every 2 years.

20 (b) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning the first fiscal
22 year following the completion of the development of
23 the evidence-based curriculum under subsection
24 (a)(1), the Secretary of Education, in consultation
25 with the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and

1 Substance Use, shall award grants, on a competitive
2 basis, to State educational agencies to enable the
3 State educational agencies to implement the evi-
4 dence-based curriculum. The Secretary of Education
5 shall award not less than 10 grants during each
6 grant cycle.

7 (2) APPLICATION.—A State educational agency
8 that desires to receive a grant under this subsection
9 shall submit an application to the Secretary of Edu-
10 cation at such time, in such manner, and accom-
11 panied by such information as the Secretary may re-
12 quire.

13 (3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under
14 this subsection, the Secretary of Education shall give
15 preference to States that have experienced the high-
16 est drug overdose death rates.

17 (4) SUBCONTRACT.—A State educational agen-
18 cy that receives a grant under this subsection may
19 subcontract with community coalitions that are cur-
20 rently, as of the date of application, a recipient of
21 a grant under section 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse
22 Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1532), to implement the evi-
23 dence-based curriculum, as needed.

24 (5) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each State educational
25 agency that receives a grant under this subsection

1 shall provide an annual report to the Secretary of
2 Education and the Assistant Secretary for Mental
3 Health and Substance Use on the State educational
4 agency’s curriculum implementation progress and
5 program reach, in order to monitor the quality of
6 implementation of the evidence-based curriculum.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) EVIDENCE-BASED.—The term “evidence-
9 based” has the meaning given the term in section
10 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
11 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

12 (2) SINGLE STATE AGENCY.—The term “single
13 State agency” means the State agency responsible
14 for administering the substance abuse prevention
15 and treatment block grant under subpart II of part
16 B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42
17 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.).

18 (3) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
19 “State educational agency” has the meaning given
20 the term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
21 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

22 (d) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
23 priated to carry out this section such sums as may be nec-
24 essary for the period of fiscal years 2022 through 2031.

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