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To reauthorize certain programs under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. FETTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To reauthorize certain programs under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Comprehensive Addic-
5 tion Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry
6 Act of 2025” or the “CAREER Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CAREER ACT; TREAT-**
 2 **MENT, RECOVERY, AND WORKFORCE SUP-**
 3 **PORT GRANTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7183 of the SUPPORT
 5 for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–8)
 6 is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “;
 8 **TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND WORKFORCE**
 9 **SUPPORT GRANTS**” after “**CAREER ACT**”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “each” before
 11 “for a period”;

12 (3) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
 14 rates described in paragraph (2)” and inserting
 15 “the average rates for calendar years 2018
 16 through 2022 described in paragraph (2)”; and

17 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
 18 follows:

19 “(2) **RATES.**—The rates described in this para-
 20 graph are the following:

21 “(A) The highest age-adjusted average
 22 rates of drug overdose deaths for calendar years
 23 2018 through 2022 based on data from the
 24 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in-
 25 cluding, if necessary, provisional data for cal-
 26 endar year 2022.

1 “(B) The highest average rates of unem-
2 ployment for calendar years 2018 through 2022
3 based on data provided by the Bureau of Labor
4 Statistics.

5 “(C) The lowest average labor force par-
6 ticipation rates for calendar years 2018 through
7 2022 based on data provided by the Bureau of
8 Labor Statistics.”;

9 (4) in subsection (g)—

10 (A) in each of paragraphs (1) and (3), by
11 redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as
12 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting
13 the margins accordingly;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
15 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
16 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
17 ingly;

18 (C) in the matter preceding subparagraph
19 (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “An enti-
20 ty” and inserting the following:

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity”; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(2) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.—An entity
24 receiving a grant under this section may use not
25 more than 5 percent of the funds for providing

1 transportation for individuals to participate in an ac-
 2 tivity supported by a grant under this section, which
 3 transportation shall be to or from a place of work
 4 or a place where the individual is receiving voca-
 5 tional education or job training services or receiving
 6 services directly linked to treatment of or recovery
 7 from a substance use disorder.

8 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not re-
 9 quire an entity to, or give priority to an entity that
 10 plans to, use the funds of a grant under this section
 11 for activities that are not specified in this sub-
 12 section.”;

13 (5) in subsection (i)(2), by inserting “, which
 14 shall include employment and earnings outcomes de-
 15 scribed in subclauses (I) and (III) of section
 16 116(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Workforce Innovation and
 17 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b)(2)(A)(i)) with
 18 respect to the participation of such individuals with
 19 a substance use disorder in programs and activities
 20 funded by the grant under this section” after “sub-
 21 section (g)”;

22 (6) in subsection (j)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for
 24 grants awarded prior to the date of enactment
 25 of the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery

through Effective Employment and Reentry Act
of 2025” after “grant period under this sec-
tion”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subpara-
graph (A), by striking “2 years after sub-
mitting the preliminary report required
under paragraph (1)” and inserting “Sep-
tember 30, 2030”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
“(g)(3)” and inserting “(g)(1)(C)”; and

(7) in subsection (k), by striking “\$5,000,000
for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-
serting “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
through 2030”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
in section 1(b) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Com-
munities Act (Public Law 115–271; 132 Stat. 3894) is
amended by striking the item relating to section 7183 and
inserting the following:

“Sec. 7183. CAREER Act; treatment, recovery, and workforce support
grants.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CAREER ACT; RECOV-**
 2 **ERY HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8071 of the SUPPORT
 4 for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 5301 note;
 5 Public Law 115–271) is amended—

6 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
 7 ing “**CAREER ACT; RECOVERY HOUSING PILOT**
 8 **PROGRAM**”;

9 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “through
 10 2023” and inserting “through 2030”;

11 (3) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “not
 13 later than 60 days after the date of enactment
 14 of this Act” and inserting “not later than 60
 15 days after the date of enactment of the Com-
 16 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
 17 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2025”;
 18 and

19 (B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i)—

20 (i) in subclause (I)—

21 (I) by striking “for calendar
 22 years 2013 through 2017”; and

23 (II) by inserting “for calendar
 24 years 2018 through 2022” after
 25 “rates of unemployment”;

26 (ii) in subclause (II)—

1 (I) by striking “for calendar
2 years 2013 through 2017”; and

3 (II) by inserting “for calendar
4 years 2018 through 2022” after “par-
5 ticipation rates”; and

6 (iii) by striking subclause (III) and in-
7 serting the following:

8 “(III) The highest age-adjusted
9 average rates of drug overdose deaths
10 for calendar years 2018 through 2022
11 based on data from the Centers for
12 Disease Control and Prevention, in-
13 cluding, if necessary, provisional data
14 for calendar year 2022.”; and

15 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “For the 2-
16 year period following the date of enactment of this
17 Act, the” and inserting “The”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subtitle F of title
19 VIII of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act
20 (Public Law 115–271; 132 Stat. 4095) is amended by
21 striking the subtitle heading and inserting the following:

22 **“Subtitle F—CAREER Act;**
23 **Recovery Housing Pilot Program”.**

24 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
25 in section 1(b) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Com-

1 munities Act (Public Law 115–271; 132 Stat. 3894) is
2 amended—

3 (1) by striking the item relating to subtitle F
4 of title VIII and inserting the following:

“Subtitle F—CAREER Act; Recovery Housing Pilot Program”;

5 and

6 (2) by striking the item relating to section 8071
7 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 8071. CAREER Act; Recovery Housing Pilot Program.”.

