

S 2562

Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Reduction Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3680	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 3691	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4982	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 S 1455	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2016:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.
114 HR 4276	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4396	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4435	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
114 S 2226	Related bill	<b>Nov 3, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 2536	Related bill	<b>Jun 16, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

## **Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Reduction Act**

This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to revise requirements for and limitations on practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must establish grant programs to: (1) encourage prescribing and purchase of opioid overdose reversal drugs (e.g., naloxone), and (2) develop prescribing guidelines for such drugs. (Opioids are drugs with effects similar to opium, such as heroin or certain pain medications.)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must provide support to improve drug overdose surveillance and reporting capabilities.

HHS may support syringe exchange programs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must provide support to reduce drug overdose deaths.

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to extend residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women.

HHS must: (1) carry out a pilot program to support services for pregnant and postpartum women with a substance use disorder; (2) award grants to expand treatment activities in areas with a high rate of, or a rapid increase in, the use of opioids; (3) support increasing the capacity of substance use disorder services for adolescents; and (4) develop, expand, and enhance substance use recovery support services.

This bill amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Internal Revenue Code to direct HHS and the Departments of Labor and the Treasury to require disclosures, issue guidance, conduct audits, and publish information regarding the requirement for group health plans and health insurance coverage to have parity between mental health and substance use disorder benefits and medical and surgical benefits. HHS must establish a consumer parity portal website.

HHS must establish a loan repayment program for substance use disorder health professionals.

## **Actions Timeline**

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