

HR 953

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. (Apr 29, 2015)

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| Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6] | D · MA | | Mar 21, 2016 |
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| Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42] | R · CA | | Mar 23, 2016 |
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| Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6] | D · MD | | Apr 11, 2016 |
| Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11] | D · IL | | Apr 11, 2016 |
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| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26] | D · CA | | May 11, 2016 |
| Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10] | D · WA | | Jun 10, 2016 |
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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 29, 2015 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 13, 2015 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 16, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 114 S 524 | Identical bill | Jul 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-198. |
| 114 HR 2463 | Related bill | Jun 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2015

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force to develop: (1) best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and (2) a strategy for disseminating such best practices.

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to:

- states (with priority to states that provide civil liability protection for first responders, health professionals, and family members administering naloxone to counteract opioid overdoses), local governments, and nonprofit organizations to expand educational efforts to prevent abuse of opioids, heroin, and other substances of abuse, understand addiction as a chronic disease, and promote treatment and recovery;
- organizations that have received a grant under the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 to implement comprehensive community-wide strategies that address local drug crises;
- states (with priority to states that provide civil liability protection for administering naloxone), local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations for treatment alternative to incarceration programs for individuals who have come into contact with the juvenile or criminal justice system or have been arrested or charged with an offense, who have a substance use disorder, mental illness, or both, and who have been approved for participation in such a program;
- state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies to create a demonstration law enforcement program to prevent opioid and heroin overdose death;
- state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies, manufacturers, distributors, or reverse distributor of prescription medications, retail pharmacies, registered narcotic treatment programs, hospitals or clinics with an on-site pharmacy, eligible long-term care facilities, or any other entity authorized by the Drug Enforcement Administration to dispose of prescription medications to expand or make available disposal sites for unwanted prescription medications;
- states (with priority to states that provide civil liability protection for administering naloxone), local governments, and Indian tribes to implement medication assisted treatment programs through their criminal justice agencies;
- states, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes for educational programs for incarcerated offenders;
- state substance abuse and criminal justice agencies, jointly, to address the use of opioids and heroin among pregnant and parenting female offenders in a state to promote public safety, public health, family permanence, and well-being;
- establish or expand veterans treatment court programs, peer to peer services or programs for qualified veterans, practices that identify and provide treatment, rehabilitation, legal, and transitional services to incarcerated veterans, and training programs to teach criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse personnel how to identify and appropriately respond to incidents involving veterans; and
- states to prepare a comprehensive plan for and implement an integrated opioid abuse response initiative.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to award grants to enable state substance abuse agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes or tribal organizations that have a high rate of, or have had a rapid increase in, the use of heroin or other opioids to expand activities, including medication assisted treatment, for the treatment of addiction in the geographical areas affected.

Authorizes the Recovery Branch of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to award grants to: (1) enable high schools and colleges with substance abuse recovery programs and nonprofit organizations to provide substance abuse recovery support services to high school and college students, to help build communities of support for young people in recovery, and to encourage initiatives designed to help young people achieve and sustain recovery; and (2) enable recovery community organizations to develop, expand, and enhance recovery services.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit the Department of Education from including any question about the conviction of an applicant for the possession or sale of illegal drugs on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form.

Directs HHS to establish a bipartisan Task Force on Recovery and Collateral Consequences to: (1) identify collateral consequences for individuals with drug convictions who are in recovery for a substance use disorder, and (2) determine whether such consequences unnecessarily delay such individuals from resuming their personal and professional activities.

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act to direct the Attorney General to report annually on how grants awarded under such Act are used for family-based substance abuse treatment programs that serve as alternatives to incarceration for custodial parents to receive treatment and services as a family.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the amounts expended to carry out this Act should be offset by a corresponding reduction in federal non-defense discretionary spending.

Directs the Comptroller General to report on the impact that the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Disease exclusion (defined as the prohibition on federal matching payments under Medicaid for patients who have attained age 22, but have not attained age 65, in an institution for mental diseases) has on access to treatment for individuals with a substance use disorder.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.