

HR 5224

Preventing Overdoses and Saving Lives Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]

Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 15, 2021
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Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Nov 15, 2021
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Nov 26, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Nov 26, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Feb 11, 2022
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 11, 2022
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Mar 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 10, 2021)

Preventing Overdoses and Saving Lives Act of 2021

This bill establishes a grant program for states, Indian tribes, and territories to respond to the opioid crisis. In awarding the grants, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must give priority to recipients with the highest opioid dispensing rates.

Recipients must use at least 20% of grant funds to implement a program that requires a prescription for an opioid overdose reversal drug along with an opioid prescription if (1) a patient is prescribed benzodiazepines, medication-assisted treatment, or high-dose opioids; or (2) the prescriber has reason to know of the patient's history with substance use disorders. As part of this program, recipients must also require continuing education on opioid-prescribing practices for prescribers and on recognizing opioid overdose fatalities for coroners.

Recipients must use the remaining funds to develop a strategic plan for the jurisdiction's response to the opioid crisis.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.