

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**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 “Rural Area Opioid Pre-  
5       vention Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF RURAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE**  
2 **PILOT PROGRAMS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE**  
3 **COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE GRANT PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 3021 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
10 “and”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the  
12 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(H) a pilot program for rural areas to im-  
15 plement community response programs that  
16 focus on presenting alternatives to incarceration  
17 and reducing opioid overdose deaths, as de-  
18 scribed in subsection (f).”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(f) RURAL PILOT PROGRAM.—The pilot program  
21 described under this subsection shall make grants to rural  
22 areas to implement community response programs to re-  
23 duce opioid overdose deaths. Grants issued under this sub-  
24 section shall be jointly operated by units of local govern-  
25 ment, in collaboration with public safety and public health  
26 agencies or public safety, public health and behavioral

1 health collaborations. A community response program  
2 under this subsection shall identify gaps in community  
3 prevention, treatment, and recovery services for individ-  
4 uals who encounter the criminal justice system and shall  
5 establish treatment protocols to address identified short-  
6 comings. The Attorney General, through the Office of Jus-  
7 tice Programs, shall increase the amount provided as a  
8 grant under this section for a pilot program by no more  
9 than five percent for each of the two years following cer-  
10 tification by the Attorney General of the submission of  
11 data by the rural area on the prescribing of schedules II,  
12 III, and IV controlled substances to a prescription drug  
13 monitoring program, or any other centralized database ad-  
14 ministered by an authorized State agency, which includes  
15 tracking the dispensation of such substances, and pro-  
16 viding for interoperability and data sharing with each  
17 other such program (including an electronic health records  
18 system) in each other State, and with any interstate entity  
19 that shares information between such programs.”.

20 **SEC. 3. PROVISION REGARDING CERTAIN FUNDING LEVEL**  
21 **FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES.**

22 Section 3024 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
23 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10704) is amend-  
24 ed—

1           (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at the  
2           end;

3           (2) in paragraph (2)(C) by striking the period  
4           at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(3) provides that not less than 10 percent of  
7           grants issued pursuant to this part shall be awarded  
8           to rural areas.”.

9   **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

10          Section 3025 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
11          and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10705) is amend-  
12          ed by adding at the end the following:

13                 “(9) The term ‘rural area’ has the meaning  
14                 given such term in section 343(a)(13)(A) of the  
15                 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
16                 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(A)).”.