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To combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) in the United States.

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 “Ecstasy Prevention
5 Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The illegal importation and use of 3,4-
9 methylenedioxy methamphetamine (referred to in
10 this Act as “MDMA” or “Ecstasy”) has increased

1 more than 400 percent during the past 3 years, as
2 evidenced by Ecstasy seizures by the United States
3 Customs Service.

4 (2) Some research has indicated that the use of
5 Ecstasy can cause long-lasting and perhaps perma-
6 nent damage to the serotonin system of the brain,
7 and can cause long-term problems with learning and
8 memory.

9 (3) Due to the popularity and marketability of
10 Ecstasy, and the skyrocketing use, seizures, and
11 deaths, greater emphasis needs to be placed on—

12 (A) the education of young people on the
13 negative health effects of Ecstasy (and other
14 club drugs) since the reputation of Ecstasy as
15 a “safe drug” is its most dangerous component;

16 (B) the education of State and local law
17 enforcement agencies and health care profes-
18 sionals and personnel regarding the growing
19 problem of Ecstasy use and trafficking;

20 (C) adequate funding for the National In-
21 stitutes of Health to support and report on re-
22 search that documents the health effects of Ec-
23 stasy use; and

24 (D) State and local government initiatives.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ECSTASY ABUSE PREVENTION.**

2 Section 506B(c) of title V of the Public Health Serv-
3 ice Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the pri-
6 ority under paragraph (2), the Administrator
7 shall give priority to communities that have
8 taken measures to combat club drug use, in-
9 cluding passing ordinances restricting rave
10 clubs, increasing law enforcement on Ecstasy,
11 and seizing lands under nuisance abatement
12 laws to make new restrictions on an establish-
13 ment’s use.

14 “(B) STATE PRIORITY.—A priority grant
15 may be made to a State under this paragraph
16 on a pass-through basis to an eligible commu-
17 nity.”.

18 **SEC. 4. COMBATING ECSTASY AND OTHER CLUB DRUGS IN**
19 **HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS.**

20 (a) PROGRAM.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
22 National Drug Control Policy shall use amounts
23 available under this section to combat the trafficking
24 of MDMA in areas designated by the Director as
25 high intensity drug trafficking areas.

1 (2) ACTIVITIES.—In meeting the requirement
2 in paragraph (1), the Director shall transfer funds
3 to assist anti-Ecstasy law enforcement initiatives in
4 high intensity drug trafficking areas, including as-
5 sistance for investigative costs, intelligence enhance-
6 ments, technology improvements, and training.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
9 appropriated to carry out this section—

10 (A) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and

11 (B) such sums as may be necessary for
12 each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2005.

13 (2) NO SUPPLANTING.—Any Federal funds re-
14 ceived under this section shall be used to supple-
15 ment, not supplant, non-Federal funds that would
16 otherwise be used to carry out activities funded
17 under this section.

18 (c) APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.—The Director shall
19 apportion amounts appropriated for a fiscal year pursuant
20 to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (b) for
21 activities under subsection (a) among and within areas
22 designated by the Director and based on the threat assess-
23 ments submitted by individual high intensity drug traf-
24 ficking areas.

1 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL YOUTH ANTIDRUG MEDIA CAMPAIGN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the national media
3 campaign under section 102 of the Drug-Free Media Cam-
4 paign Act of 1998, the Director of the Office of National
5 Drug Control Policy shall ensure that such campaign ad-
6 dresses the reduction and prevention of abuse of MDMA
7 and club and emerging drugs among young people in the
8 United States.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

11 (1) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and

12 (2) such sums as are necessary for each of the
13 fiscal years 2003 through 2005.

14 **SEC. 6. MDMA DRUG TEST.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office
16 of National Drug Control Policy such sums as are nec-
17 essary to commission a drug test for MDMA which would
18 meet the standards for the Federal Workplace.

19 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE REPORT.**

20 (a) RESEARCH.—The Director of the National Insti-
21 tute on Drug Abuse (referred to in this section as the “Di-
22 rector”) shall conduct research—

23 (1) that evaluates the effects that MDMA use
24 can have on an individual’s health, such as—

25 (A) physiological effects such as changes in
26 ability to regulate one’s body temperature, stim-

1 ulation of the cardiovascular system, muscle
2 tension, teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision,
3 rapid eye movement, tremors, and other such
4 conditions, some of which can result in heart
5 failure or heat stroke;

6 (B) psychological effects such as mood and
7 mind altering and panic attacks which may
8 come from altering various neurotransmitter
9 levels such as serotonin in the brain;

10 (C) short-term effects like confusion, de-
11 pression, sleep problems, severe anxiety, para-
12 noia, hallucinations, and amnesia; and

13 (D) long-term effects on the brain with re-
14 gard to memory and other cognitive functions,
15 and other medical consequences; and

16 (2) documenting those research findings and
17 conclusions with respect to MDMA that are scientif-
18 ically valid and identify the medical consequences on
19 an individual's health.

20 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than January 1,
21 2003, the Director shall submit a report to the Congress.

22 (c) REPORT PUBLIC.—The report required by this
23 section shall be made public.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000 to carry out this
3 section.

4 **SEC. 8. INTERAGENCY ECSTASY/CLUB DRUG TASK FORCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
7 National Drug Control Policy shall establish a Task
8 Force on Ecstasy/MDMA and Emerging Club Drugs
9 (referred to in this section as the “task force”)
10 which shall—

11 (A) design, implement, and evaluate the
12 education, prevention, and treatment practices
13 and strategies of the Federal Government with
14 respect to Ecstasy, MDMA, and emerging club
15 drugs; and

16 (B) specifically study the club drug prob-
17 lem and report its findings to Congress.

18 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall—

19 (A) be under the jurisdiction of the Direc-
20 tor of the Office of National Drug Control Pol-
21 icy, who shall designate a chairperson; and

22 (B) include as members law enforcement,
23 substance abuse prevention, judicial, and public
24 health professionals as well as representatives
25 from Federal, State, and local agencies.

1 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of the
2 task force shall be—

3 (1) to evaluate the current practices and strate-
4 gies of the Federal Government in education, pre-
5 vention, and treatment for Ecstasy, MDMA, and
6 other emerging club drugs and recommend appro-
7 priate and beneficial models for education, preven-
8 tion, and treatment;

9 (2) to identify appropriate government compo-
10 nents and resources to implement task force rec-
11 ommendations; and

12 (3) to make recommendations to the President
13 and Congress to implement proposed improvements
14 in accordance with the National Drug Control Strat-
15 egy and its budget allocations.

16 (c) MEETINGS.—The task force shall meet at least
17 once every 6 months.

18 (d) TERMINATION.—The task force shall terminate 3
19 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

20 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out
22 this section.

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