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H. R. 8499

To require that opioid overdose rescue kits be located at public institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself and Mr. CORREA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 “Saving Lives on Cam-
5 puses Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPIOID OVERDOSE RESCUE KIT REQUIRED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Edu-

1 cation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services, shall require each public institution of
3 higher education that receives funds under the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) to make
5 available opioid overdose rescue kits in accordance with
6 subsection (b).

7 (b) LOCATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—An opioid overdose kit re-
9 quired under subsection (a) shall be—

10 (A) available in each classroom facility, li-
11 brary, laboratory facility, dormitory (including
12 dining facilities), or other facility customarily
13 used by an institution for instructional or re-
14 search purposes or for housing students, fac-
15 ulty, and staff;

16 (B) in the case of a facility described in
17 subparagraph (A) that has an automated exter-
18 nal defibrillator for public use, placed, where
19 feasible, near such automated external
20 defibrillator; and

21 (C) on the person of each individual em-
22 ployed by the institution as emergency medical
23 services personnel, as applicable.

24 (2) REGISTRATION.—The location of each
25 opioid overdose rescue kit required under subsection

1 (a) shall be registered with the health center of the
2 institution or campus emergency medical services, as
3 applicable.

4 (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—Each institution
5 shall—

6 (1) replace used or expired opioid overdose res-
7 cue kits located on the campus of the institution, as
8 necessary;

9 (2) make available, through the health center of
10 the institution or campus emergency medical serv-
11 ices, as applicable, a list of locations of each opioid
12 overdose rescue kit; and

13 (3) provide training regarding the use and loca-
14 tion of each opioid overdose rescue kit during each
15 student orientation program carried out by the insti-
16 tution.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
19 term “institution of higher education” has the
20 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
21 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

22 (2) OPIOID OVERDOSE RESCUE KIT.—The term
23 “opioid overdose rescue kit” means a kit that—

24 (A) is labeled with the words “Overdose
25 Rescue Kit—Naloxone Nasal Spray” or other

1 language approved by the Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services; and

3 (B) includes—

4 (i) Narcan;

5 (ii) Naloxone; or

6 (iii) Another medication approved by
7 the Food and Drug Administration that,
8 when administered, negates or neutralizes,
9 in whole or in part, the pharmacological ef-
10 fects of an opioid in the human body.

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