

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 946

To clarify training requirements for prescribers of controlled substances.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 2025

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
cation, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To clarify training requirements for prescribers of controlled  
substances.

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 “Medication Access and  
5 Training Expansion Improvement Act” or the “MATE  
6 Improvement Act”.

### 7 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS OF CON-** 8 **TROLLED SUBSTANCES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Controlled  
10 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the second subsection des-  
 2 ignated as subsection (l) as subsection (m); and

3 (2) in subsection (m)(1), as so redesignated—  
 4 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) in clause (iv)—

6 (I) in subclause (I)—

7 (aa) by inserting “the Amer-  
 8 ican Academy of Family Physi-  
 9 cians, the American Podiatric  
 10 Medical Association, the Acad-  
 11 emy of General Dentistry, the  
 12 American Optometric Associa-  
 13 tion,” before “or any other orga-  
 14 nization”;

15 (bb) by striking “or the  
 16 Commission” and inserting “, the  
 17 Commission”; and

18 (cc) by inserting “, or the  
 19 Council on Podiatric Medical  
 20 Education” before the semicolon  
 21 at the end; and

22 (II) in subclause (III), by insert-  
 23 ing “or the American Academy of  
 24 Family Physicians” after “Associa-  
 25 tion”; and

(ii) in clause (v), in the matter preceding subclause (I)—

(I) by striking “osteopathic medicine, dental surgery” and inserting “osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, dental surgery”; and

(II) by striking “or dental medicine curriculum” and inserting “or dental or podiatric medicine curriculum”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i)—

(I) by inserting “the American Pharmacists Association, the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, the American Academy of Nursing, the American Academy of Family Physicians,” before “or any other organization”; and

(II) by inserting “, the American Academy of Family Physicians,” before “or the Accreditation Council”; and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

1 (I) by striking “or accredited  
2 school” and inserting “, an accredited  
3 school”; and

4 (II) by inserting “, or an accred-  
5 ited school of pharmacy” before “in  
6 the United States”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December  
9 29, 2022.

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