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H. R. 4259

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for naloxone rescue kits in public libraries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Lifesaving Librarians
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR NALOXONE RESCUE KITS.**

2 The Public Health Service Act is amended by insert-
3 ing after section 514 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-7)
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 514A. GRANT PROGRAM FOR NALOXONE RESCUE**
6 **KITS.**

7 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.—The Sec-
8 retary of Health and Human Services shall establish a
9 program to award grants to public libraries for one or both
10 of the following purposes:

11 “(1) To purchase naloxone rescue kits for use
12 in such public libraries.

13 “(2) To provide training to enable employees of
14 such public libraries to use naloxone rescue kits.

15 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this
17 section, a public library shall submit an application
18 to the Secretary at such time, in such form, and
19 containing such information as the Secretary may
20 require.

21 “(2) ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—To be eligi-
22 ble for a grant under this section, a public library—

23 “(A) shall certify that it owns, or will pur-
24 chase within 90 days of receipt of such grant,
25 a naloxone rescue kit;

1 “(B) must be maintained for, and open to,
2 the general public; and

3 “(C) must be in a county designated as a
4 high-intensity drug trafficking area pursuant to
5 section 707 of the Office of National Drug Con-
6 trol Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21
7 U.S.C. 1706).

8 “(3) LIMIT ON GRANTS.—A library that re-
9 ceives a grant under this section shall not be eligible
10 to receive another grant under this section until one
11 year has elapsed from the date of receipt of such
12 grant.

13 “(c) TRAINED EMPLOYEE REQUIRED.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
15 grant under this section, a public library shall certify
16 that—

17 “(A) on the date of receipt of such grant,
18 it will employ a full-time employee who has
19 been trained in the use of naloxone rescue kits;
20 or

21 “(B) if on the date of receipt of such grant
22 it will not employ a full-time employee who has
23 been trained in the use of naloxone rescue kits,
24 it will hire such an employee within 90 days of
25 the date of receipt of such grant.

1 “(2) CONTINUITY IN EMPLOYMENT.—To be eli-
2 gible to receive a grant under this section, a public
3 library shall certify that for a continuous period of
4 one year following the date of receipt of such
5 grant—

6 “(A) in the case of a library that makes a
7 certification pursuant to paragraph (1)(A), it
8 shall not lack a full-time employee who has
9 been trained in the use of naloxone rescue kits
10 for a continuous period of longer than 30 days;
11 or

12 “(B) in the case of a library that makes a
13 certification pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), fol-
14 lowing the date upon which it first hires a full-
15 time employee who has been trained in the use
16 of naloxone rescue kits, it shall not lack such an
17 employee for a continuous period of longer than
18 30 days.

19 “(3) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE.—In this sub-
20 section, the term ‘full-time employee’ means, with
21 respect to any month, an employee who is employed
22 on average at least 30 hours of service per week.

23 “(d) REPORTING REQUIRED.—As a condition on re-
24 ceipt of a grant under this section, a public library receiv-
25 ing such grant shall certify that it will report the use of

1 naloxone or a naloxone rescue kit on its property to the
2 Secretary on a quarterly basis for a period of one year
3 after the date of receipt of such grant.

4 “(e) SUNSET.—The Secretary shall not award grants
5 under this section after the end of fiscal year 2022.”.

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