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2D SESSION

H. R. 5294

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To amend title 40, United States Code, to address the impact
of drug abuse on economic development in Appalachia,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Treating Barriers to
3 Prosperity Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. DRUG ABUSE MITIGATION INITIATIVE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 145 of title 40, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 14509
7 the following:

8 **“§ 14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Appalachian Regional Com-
10 mission may provide technical assistance to, make grants
11 to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide amounts
12 to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for
13 projects and activities to address drug abuse, including
14 opioid abuse, in the region, including projects and activi-
15 ties—

16 “(1) to facilitate the sharing of best practices
17 among States, counties, and other experts in the re-
18 gion with respect to reducing such abuse;

19 “(2) to initiate or expand programs designed to
20 eliminate or reduce the harm to the workforce and
21 economic growth of the region that results from such
22 abuse;

23 “(3) to attract and retain relevant health care
24 services, businesses, and workers; and

1 “(4) to develop relevant infrastructure, includ-
2 ing broadband infrastructure that supports the use
3 of telemedicine.

4 “(b) LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Of the
5 cost of any activity eligible for a grant under this sec-
6 tion—

7 “(1) not more than 50 percent may be provided
8 from amounts appropriated to carry out this section;
9 and

10 “(2) notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

11 “(A) in the case of a project to be carried
12 out in a county for which a distressed county
13 designation is in effect under section 14526,
14 not more than 80 percent may be provided from
15 amounts appropriated to carry out this section;
16 and

17 “(B) in the case of a project to be carried
18 out in a county for which an at-risk designation
19 is in effect under section 14526, not more than
20 70 percent may be provided from amounts ap-
21 propriated to carry out this section.

22 “(c) SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to sub-
23 section (b), a grant provided under this section may be
24 provided from amounts made available to carry out this
25 section in combination with amounts made available—

1 “(1) under any other Federal program (subject
2 to the availability of subsequent appropriations); or

3 “(2) from any other source.

4 “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any provi-
5 sion of law limiting the Federal share under any other
6 Federal program, amounts made available to carry out
7 this section may be used to increase that Federal share,
8 as the Appalachian Regional Commission determines to be
9 appropriate.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
11 ter 145 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by
12 inserting after the item relating to section 14509 the fol-
13 lowing:

“14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 13, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.