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To increase funding for the State response to the opioid misuse crisis and to provide funding for research on addiction and pain related to the substance misuse crisis.

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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KING, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To increase funding for the State response to the opioid misuse crisis and to provide funding for research on addiction and pain related to the substance misuse crisis.

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 “Combating the Opioid
5 Epidemic Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE STATE RESPONSE.**

2 (a) **FUNDING.**—Section 1003 of the 21st Century
3 Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “under sub-
5 section (b)” and inserting “under subsection (b)(3)
6 and the appropriations under subsection (b)(4)”;

7 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(4) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-
10 tion to the amounts transferred to the Account
11 under paragraph (2)(A), there are authorized to be
12 appropriated, and there are appropriated, to the
13 Secretary, out of monies in the Treasury not other-
14 wise obligated, \$4,474,800,000 for each of fiscal
15 years 2018 through 2027, to carry out the grant
16 program described in subsection (c). Such funds
17 shall remain available until expended.”; and

18 (3) by striking subsection (f).

19 (b) **ACTIVITIES.**—Section 1003(c)(1) of the 21st Cen-
20 tury Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
22 paragraph (G); and

23 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(E) Detection, surveillance, and treat-
26 ment of co-occurring infections associated with

1 the opioid epidemic, including hepatitis C and
2 HIV.

3 “(F) Surveillance, data collection, and
4 timely and consistent reporting on the number
5 of opioid overdose deaths, including the inci-
6 dence and prevalence of co-occurring infections
7 and toxicology reporting on the number of
8 deaths where fentanyl or other illicit opioid
9 analogs were detected.”.

10 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH ON ADDICTION AND PAIN.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
12 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
13 retary”) shall use any funds appropriated under sub-
14 section (b) to award grants for the purpose of conducting
15 research on addiction and pain related to substance mis-
16 use. The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Na-
17 tional Institutes of Health, shall determine the amount of
18 each grant awarded under this section.

19 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be
20 appropriated, and there are appropriated, to the Sec-
21 retary, out of monies in the Treasury not otherwise obli-
22 gated, \$50,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through
23 2022, to carry out the grant program described in sub-

1 section (a). Such funds shall remain available until ex-
2 pended.

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