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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Trone introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________

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 “Opioid Patients’ Right
5 to Know Act of 2021”.
SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO INFORM PATIENTS ABOUT THE RISKS OF OPIOIDS AND THEIR ANALOGUES.

Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 392A (42 U.S.C. 280b–1) the following:

“SEC. 392B. GRANT PROGRAM TO INFORM PATIENTS ABOUT THE RISKS OF OPIOIDS AND THEIR ANALOGUES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall award one grant (over the life of the program under this section) to each eligible State to inform covered health care providers about—

“(1) the requirement of the State described in subsection (b); and

“(2) recommendations for safe opioid prescribing.

“(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), a State must have in effect a law or regulation requiring covered health care providers, before issuing a new prescription for a covered drug or analogue, to inform the patient involved, and the patient’s guardian if the patient has a guardian, about—

“(1) the risks of such covered drug or analogue;
“(2) the addictive qualities of such covered drug
or analogue; and
“(3) non-opioid treatments to such covered
drug or analogue, as appropriate.
“(c) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a
State under this section—
“(1) shall be greater than the amount of each
grant to a State with a smaller number of covered
health providers, as estimated by the Secretary;
“(2) shall not exceed $1,000,000; and
“(3) subject to the availability of funds, shall
not be less than $750,000.
“(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:
“(1) COVERED DRUG OR ANALOGUE.—The
term ‘covered drug or analogue’ means a drug that
is or contains an opioid (as defined in section 102
of the Controlled Substances Act) or an analogue of
an opioid.
“(2) COVERED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The
term ‘covered health care provider’ means a health
care provider who issues prescriptions for a covered
drug or analogue for the relief of acute pain.
“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2031.”.