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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to reauthorize a program to support individuals in substance use disorder treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARR 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 “Comprehensive Addic-
5 tion Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry
6 Act of 2023” or the “CAREER Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND WORKFORCE SUP-**
2 **PORT GRANTS.**

3 Section 7183 of the SUPPORT for Patients and
4 Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–8) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting “each” before
6 “for a period”;

7 (2) by amending subsection (c)(2) to read as
8 follows:

9 “(2) RATES.—The rates described in this para-
10 graph are the following:

11 “(A) The amount by which the average
12 rate of drug overdose deaths in the State, ad-
13 justed for age, for the period of 5 calendar
14 years for which there is available data, includ-
15 ing if necessary provisional data, immediately
16 preceding the grant cycle (which shall be the
17 period of calendar years 2018 through 2022 for
18 the first grant cycle following the enactment of
19 the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through
20 Effective Employment and Reentry Act of
21 2023) is above the average national overdose
22 mortality rate, as determined by the Director of
23 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
24 for the same period.

25 “(B) The amount by which the average
26 rate of unemployment for the State, based on

1 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statis-
2 tics, for the period of 5 calendar years for
3 which there is available data, including if nec-
4 essary provisional data, immediately preceding
5 the grant cycle (which shall be the period of cal-
6 endar years 2018 through 2022 for the first
7 grant cycle following the enactment of the Com-
8 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
9 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2023) is
10 above the national average for the same period.

11 “(C) The amount by which the average
12 rate of labor force participation in the State,
13 based on data provided by the Bureau of Labor
14 Statistics, for the period of 5 calendar years for
15 which there is available data, including if nec-
16 essary provisional data, immediately preceding
17 the grant cycle (which shall be the period of cal-
18 endar years 2018 through 2022 for the first
19 grant cycle following the enactment of the Com-
20 prehensive Addiction Recovery through Effec-
21 tive Employment and Reentry Act of 2023) is
22 below the national average for the same pe-
23 riod.”;

24 (3) in subsection (g)—

1 (A) in paragraphs (1) and (3), by redesignig-
2 nating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses
3 (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the mar-
4 gins accordingly;

5 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
6 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
7 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
8 ingly;

9 (C) by striking “An entity” and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity”; and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.—An entity
14 receiving a grant under this section may use the
15 funds for providing transportation for individuals to
16 participate in an activity supported by a grant under
17 this section, which transportation shall be to or from
18 a place of work or a place where the individual is re-
19 ceiving vocational education or job training services
20 or receiving services directly linked to treatment of
21 or recovery from a substance use disorder.”;

22 (4) in subsection (j)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for
24 each grant cycle” after “grant period”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
2 graph (A)—

3 (I) by striking “the preliminary
4 report” and inserting “each prelimi-
5 nary report”; and

6 (II) by inserting “for the grant
7 cycle” after “final report”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
9 “(g)(3)” and inserting “(g)(1)(C)”; and

10 (5) in subsection (k), by striking “\$5,000,000
11 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-
12 serting “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
13 through 2028”.