

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5261
OFFERED BY MR. BURGESS OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Treatment, Education,
3 and Community Help to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”
4 or the “TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”.

**5 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS OF EX-
6 CELLENCE IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
7 EDUCATION.**

8 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
9 is amended by inserting after section 549 (42 U.S.C.
10 290ee–4) the following new section:

**11 “SEC. 550. REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN SUB-
12 STANCE USE DISORDER EDUCATION.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
14 with such other agencies as are appropriate, shall, subject
15 to the availability of appropriations, establish a solicitation
16 process and award cooperative agreements to eligible enti-
17 ties for the designation of such entities as Regional Cen-
18 ters of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education

1 and support of such regional centers of excellence to en-
2 hance and improve how health professionals are educated
3 in substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and re-
4 covery through development, evaluation, and distribution
5 of evidence-based curricula for health profession schools.
6 An eligible entity designated by the Secretary as a Re-
7 gional Center of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder
8 Education shall carry out the activities described in sub-
9 section (b).

10 “(b) SELECTION OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—

11 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to re-
12 ceive a cooperative agreement under subsection (a),
13 an entity shall—

14 “(A) be an entity specified by the Sec-
15 retary that offers education to students in var-
16 ious health professions, which may include—

17 “(i) a health system;

18 “(ii) a teaching hospital;

19 “(iii) a medical school;

20 “(iv) a certified behavioral health clin-
21 ic; or

22 “(v) any other health profession
23 school, school of public health, or Coopera-
24 tive Extension Program at institutions of
25 higher education engaged in an aspect of

1 the prevention, treatment, or recovery of
2 substance use disorders;

3 “(B) be accredited by the appropriate edu-
4 cational accreditation body;

5 “(C) demonstrate an existing strategy, and
6 have in place a plan for continuing such strat-
7 egy, or a proposed strategy to implement a cur-
8 riculum based on best practices for substance
9 use disorder prevention, treatment, and recov-
10 ery;

11 “(D) demonstrate community engagement
12 and participation through community partners,
13 including other health profession schools, men-
14 tal health counselors, social workers, peer recov-
15 ery specialists, substance use treatment pro-
16 grams, community health centers, physicians’
17 offices, certified behavioral health clinics, law
18 enforcement, and the business community; and

19 “(E) provide to the Secretary such infor-
20 mation, at such time, and in such manner, as
21 the Secretary may require.

22 “(2) DIVERSITY.—In awarding cooperative
23 agreements under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
24 take into account regional differences among eligible

1 entities and shall make an effort to ensure geo-
2 graphic diversity.

3 “(c) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

4 “(1) PUBLIC POSTING.—The Secretary shall
5 make information provided to the Secretary under
6 subsection (b)(1)(E) publically available on the
7 Internet website of the Department of Health and
8 Human Services.

9 “(2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evalu-
10 ate each project carried out by a Regional Center of
11 Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education
12 under this section and shall disseminate the findings
13 with respect to each such evaluation to appropriate
14 public and private entities.

15 “(d) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
16 priated to carry out this section, \$4,000,000 for each of
17 fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”.

