

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4641, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY M_S. Clark

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR STATE RESPONSE TO SUBSTANCE**
2 **ABUSE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND URGENT**
3 **MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
5 priated, and are appropriated, out of monies in the Treas-
6 ury not otherwise obligated, \$750,000,000 for each of fis-
7 cal years 2017 and 2018, to the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
9 retary”) to award grants to States to address the sub-
10 stance abuse public health crisis or to respond to urgent
11 mental health needs within the State. In awarding grants
12 under this section, the Secretary may give preference to
13 States with an incidence or prevalence of substance use
14 disorders that is substantial relative to other States or to
15 States that identify mental health needs within their com-
16 munities that are urgent relative to such needs of other
17 States. Funds appropriated under this subsection shall re-
18 main available until expended.

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded to a State
2 under subsection (a) shall be used for one or more of the
3 following public health-related activities:

4 (1) Improving State prescription drug moni-
5 toring programs.

6 (2) Implementing prevention activities, and
7 evaluating such activities to identify effective strate-
8 gies to prevent substance abuse.

9 (3) Training for health care practitioners, such
10 as best practices for prescribing opioids, pain man-
11 agement, recognizing potential cases of substance
12 abuse, referral of patients to treatment programs,
13 and overdose prevention.

14 (4) Supporting access to health care services
15 provided by federally certified opioid treatment pro-
16 grams or other appropriate health care providers to
17 treat substance use disorders or mental health
18 needs.

19 (5) Other public health-related activities, as the
20 State determines appropriate, related to addressing
21 the substance abuse public health crisis or respond-
22 ing to urgent mental health needs within the State.

