

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 467, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. BLUNT ROCHESTER OF
DELAWARE**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 7. GRANT PROGRAM ON HARMS OF DRUG MISUSE.

2 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 “SEC. 553. GRANT PROGRAM ON HARMS OF DRUG MISUSE.

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary, in con-
7 sultation with the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
8 trol and Prevention, shall award grants to States and po-
9 litical subdivisions of States to support the delivery of
10 overdose prevention services, including distribution of
11 Food and Drug Administration-approved opioid reversal
12 agents such as naloxone, fentanyl strips, and other harm
13 reduction services that address the harms of drug misuse,
14 including by—

15 “(1) connecting individuals at risk for, or with,
16 a substance use disorder to overdose education,
17 counseling, and health education; and

1 “(2) encouraging such individuals to take steps
2 to reduce the harms associated with substance mis-
3 use.

4 “(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants under
5 this section, the Assistant Secretary shall prioritize grants
6 to applicants that are—

7 “(1) organizations providing culturally com-
8 petent care in terms of considerations based on race,
9 language, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or disability;
10 or

11 “(2) proposing to serve areas with—

12 “(A) a higher proportion of the population
13 who meet criteria for dependence on, or abuse
14 of, illicit drugs;

15 “(B) a higher drug overdose death rate;
16 and

17 “(C) a greater behavioral health and sub-
18 stance use disorder workforce need.

19 “(c) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS.—A recipient of a
20 grant under this section for the purposes described in sub-
21 section (a)(2) shall provide overdose prevention services,
22 as follows:

23 “(1) Ensure that not less than 60 percent of
24 the grant funds are used for harm reduction pro-
25 grams.

1 “(2) Prioritize the delivery of opioid antagonists
2 to—

3 “(A) people who use opioids or illicit
4 drugs;

5 “(B) families of such people;

6 “(C) first responders such as law enforce-
7 ment personnel and nonemergency services such
8 as fire fighters and park rangers; and

9 “(D) community service providers, such as
10 library, school, and public transportation per-
11 sonnel.

12 “(d) USE OF GRANT AWARDS.—A recipient of a
13 grant under this section may use grant funds for the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(1) Adapting, maintaining, and expanding es-
16 sential services provided by harm reduction service
17 organizations to address the risks of drug overdose
18 and contraction of infectious disease.

19 “(2) Maintaining or hiring staff.

20 “(3) Supporting program operational costs, in-
21 cluding staff, rent, and vehicle purchase or mainte-
22 nance.

23 “(4) Program supplies.

24 “(5) Support and case management services.”.

