

**AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-76
OFFERED BY MS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT**

Page 95, after line 21, insert the following section:

1 **SEC. 304. CONFRONTING THE USE OF HEROIN AND ASSOCI-**
2 **ATED DRUGS.**

3 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
4 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART LL—CONFRONTING THE USE OF HEROIN**
7 **AND ASSOCIATED DRUGS**
8 **“SEC. 3021. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS TO ADDRESS**
9 **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEROIN DISTRIBUTION,**
10 **SALE, AND USE.**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to as-
12 sist States and Indian tribes to—

13 “(1) carry out programs to address the dis-
14 tribution, sale, and use of heroin, fentanyl, and asso-
15 ciated synthetic drugs; and

16 “(2) improve the ability of State, tribal, and
17 local government institutions to carry out such pro-
18 grams.

1 “(b) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney Gen-
2 eral, through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, may make
3 grants to States to address the distribution, sale, and use
4 of heroin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs to en-
5 hance public safety.

6 “(c) GRANT PROJECTS TO ADDRESS DISTRIBUTION,
7 SALE, AND USE OF HEROIN, FENTANYL, AND ASSOCI-
8 ATED SYNTHETIC DRUGS.—Grants made under sub-
9 section (b) may be used for programs, projects, and other
10 activities to—

11 “(1) reimburse State, local, or other forensic
12 science laboratories to help address backlogs of un-
13 tested samples of heroin, fentanyl, and associated
14 synthetic drugs;

15 “(2) reimburse State, local, or other forensic
16 science laboratories for procuring equipment, tech-
17 nology, or other support systems if the applicant for
18 the grant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the At-
19 torney General that expenditures for such purposes
20 would result in improved efficiency of laboratory
21 testing and help prevent future backlogs;

22 “(3) reimburse State, tribal, and local law en-
23 forcement agencies for procuring field-testing equip-
24 ment for use in the identification or detection of her-
25 oin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs;

1 “(4) investigate, arrest, and prosecute individ-
2 uals violating laws related to the distribution or sale
3 of heroin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs;
4 and

5 “(5) support State, tribal, and local health de-
6 partment services deployed to address the use of
7 heroin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs.

8 “(d) LIMITATION.—Not less than 60 percent of the
9 amounts made available to carry out this section shall be
10 awarded for the purposes under paragraph (1) or (2) of
11 subsection (c).

12 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018, 2019, and
15 2020.

16 “(f) ALLOCATION.—

17 “(1) POPULATION ALLOCATION.—Seventy-five
18 percent of the amount made available to carry out
19 this section in a fiscal year shall be allocated to each
20 State that meets the requirements of section 2802
21 so that each State shall receive an amount that
22 bears the same ratio to the 75 percent of the total
23 amount made available to carry out this section for
24 that fiscal year as the population of the State bears
25 to the population of all States.

1 “(2) DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Twenty-five percent of
3 the amount made available to carry out this
4 section in a fiscal year shall be allocated pursu-
5 ant to the discretion of the Attorney General
6 for competitive grants to States with high rates
7 of primary treatment admissions for heroin and
8 other opioids, for use by State law enforcement
9 agencies.

10 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making
11 grants under subparagraph (A), the Attorney
12 General shall consider—

13 “(i) the average annual number of
14 part 1 violent crimes reported by each
15 State to the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
16 tion for the 3 most recent calendar years
17 for which data is available; and

18 “(ii) the existing resources and cur-
19 rent needs of the potential grant recipient.

20 “(3) MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.—Each State
21 shall receive not less than 0.6 percent of the amount
22 made available to carry out this section in each fis-
23 cal year.

24 “(4) CERTAIN TERRITORIES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the
2 allocation under this section, American Samoa
3 and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
4 iana Islands shall be considered as 1 State.

5 “(B) ALLOCATION AMONGST CERTAIN TER-
6 RITORIES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A),
7 67 percent of the amount allocated shall be al-
8 located to American Samoa and 33 percent
9 shall be allocated to the Commonwealth of the
10 Northern Mariana Islands.”.

