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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XIII of division
A the following:

1 **SEC. 13 ____ . PRIORITIZATION OF EFFORTS OF THE DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF STATE TO COMBAT INTER-**
3 **NATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN COVERED SYN-**
4 **THETIC DRUGS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
6 prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat
7 international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs by car-
8 rying out programs and activities to include the following:

9 (1) Supporting increased data collection by the
10 United States and foreign countries through in-
11 creased drug use surveys among populations, in-
12 creased use of wastewater testing where appropriate,
13 and multilateral sharing of that data.

14 (2) Engaging in increased consultation and
15 partnership with international drug agencies, includ-
16 ing the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and
17 Drug Addiction, and regulatory agencies in foreign
18 countries.

1 (3) Carrying out the program to provide assist-
2 ance to build the capacity of foreign law enforcement
3 agencies with respect to covered synthetic drugs, as
4 required by section 3.

5 (4) Carrying out exchange programs for govern-
6 mental and nongovernmental personnel in the
7 United States and in foreign countries to provide
8 educational and professional development on demand
9 reduction matters relating to the illicit use of nar-
10 cotics and other drugs, as required by section 4.

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees a report on the implementa-
16 tion of this section.

17 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
18 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
19 propriate congressional committees” means—

20 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
21 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
22 of Representatives; and

23 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
24 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
25 Senate.

1 (c) PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BUILD
2 THE CAPACITY OF FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-
3 CIES WITH RESPECT TO COVERED SYNTHETIC DRUGS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 660
5 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
6 2420), the Secretary of State shall establish a pro-
7 gram to provide assistance to build the capacity of
8 law enforcement agencies of the countries described
9 in paragraph (3) to help such agencies to identify,
10 track, and improve their forensics detection capabili-
11 ties with respect to covered synthetic drugs.

12 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of State shall
13 prioritize assistance under paragraph (1) among
14 those countries described in paragraph (3) in which
15 such assistance would have the most impact in re-
16 ducing illicit use of covered synthetic drugs in the
17 United States.

18 (3) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The foreign
19 countries described in this paragraph are—

20 (A) countries that are producers of covered
21 synthetic drugs;

22 (B) countries whose pharmaceutical and
23 chemical industries are known to be exploited
24 for development or procurement of precursors
25 of covered synthetic drugs; or

1 (C) major drug-transit countries as defined
2 by the President.

3 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPRO-
4 PRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
5 to the Secretary to carry out this subsection
6 \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2022 through
7 2026 and such amounts shall be in addition to
8 amounts authorized for such purposes.

9 (d) EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND
10 NONGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE EDU-
11 CATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON DE-
12 MAND REDUCTION MATTERS RELATING TO ILLICIT USE
13 OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER DRUGS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
15 establish or continue and strengthen, as appropriate,
16 an exchange program for governmental and non-
17 governmental personnel in the United States and in
18 foreign countries to provide educational and profes-
19 sional development on demand reduction matters re-
20 lating to the illicit use of narcotics and other drugs.

21 (2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The program
22 required by paragraph (1)—

23 (A) shall be limited to individuals who have
24 expertise and experience in matters described in
25 paragraph (1);

1 (B) in the case of inbound exchanges, may
2 be carried out as part of exchange programs
3 and international visitor programs administered
4 by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Af-
5 fairs of the Department of State, including the
6 International Visitor Leadership Program in
7 consultation or coordination with the Bureau of
8 International Narcotics and Law Enforcement
9 Affairs; and

10 (C) shall include outbound exchanges for
11 governmental or nongovernmental personnel in
12 the United States.

13 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPRO-
14 PRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
15 to the Secretary to carry out this subsection
16 \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2022 through
17 2026 and such amounts shall be in addition to
18 amounts authorized for such purposes.

19 (e) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
20 CONTROL PROGRAM.—

21 (1) INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL
22 STRATEGY REPORT.—Section 489(a) of the Foreign
23 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291h(a)) is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(10) SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS AND NEW
2 PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.—

3 “(A) SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS.—Information
4 that contains an assessment of the countries
5 significantly involved in the manufacture, pro-
6 duction, or transshipment of synthetic opioids,
7 including fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, to
8 include the following:

9 “(i) The scale of legal domestic pro-
10 duction and any available information on
11 the number of manufacturers and pro-
12 ducers of such opioids in such countries.

13 “(ii) Information on any law enforce-
14 ment assessments of the scale of illegal
15 production, including a description of the
16 capacity of illegal laboratories to produce
17 such opioids.

18 “(iii) The types of inputs used and a
19 description of the primary methods of syn-
20 thesis employed by illegal producers of
21 such opioids.

22 “(iv) An assessment of the policies of
23 such countries to regulate licit manufac-
24 ture and interdict illicit manufacture, di-
25 version, distribution, and shipment of such

1 opioids and an assessment of the effective-
2 ness of the policies' implementation.

3 “(B) NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.—
4 Information on, to the extent practicable, any
5 policies of responding to new psychoactive sub-
6 stances (as such term is defined in section 7 of
7 the FENTANYL Results Act), to include the
8 following:

9 “(i) Which governments have articu-
10 lated policies on scheduling of such sub-
11 stances.

12 “(ii) Any data on impacts of such
13 policies and other responses to such sub-
14 stances.

15 “(iii) An assessment of any policies
16 the United States could adopt to improve
17 its response to new psychoactive sub-
18 stances.”.

19 (2) DEFINITION OF MAJOR ILLICIT DRUG PRO-
20 DUCING COUNTRY.—Section 481(e) of the Foreign
21 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291(e)) is
22 amended—

23 (A) in paragraph (2)—

24 (i) by striking “means a country in
25 which—” and inserting “means—

1 “(A) a country in which—”;

2 (ii) by striking “(A) 1,000” and in-
3 serting the following:

4 “(i) 1,000”;

5 (iii) by striking “(B) 1,000” and in-
6 serting the following:

7 “(ii) 1,000”;

8 (iv) by striking “(C) 5,000” and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(iii) 5,000”;

11 (v) in subparagraph (A)(iii), as redes-
12 igned by this subsection, by adding “or”
13 at the end; and

14 (vi) by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(B) a country which is a significant direct
17 source of illicit narcotic or psychotropic drugs
18 or other controlled substances significantly af-
19 fecting the United States.”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (5) to read as follows:

21 “(5) the term ‘major drug-transit country’
22 means a country through which are transported il-
23 licit narcotic or psychotropic drugs or other con-
24 trolled substances significantly affecting the United
25 States.”.

1 (f) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that—

3 (1) the President should direct the United
4 States Representative to the United Nations to use
5 the voice and vote of the United States at the
6 United Nations to advocate for more transparent as-
7 sessments of countries by the International Nar-
8 cotics Control Board; and

9 (2) bilateral, plurilateral, and multilateral inter-
10 national cooperation is essential to combating the
11 trafficking of covered synthetic drugs.

12 (g) DEFINITION.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “covered synthetic drug” means—

14 (A) a synthetic controlled substance (as de-
15 fined in section 102(6) of the Controlled Sub-
16 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(6))), including
17 fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue; or

18 (B) a new psychoactive substance.

19 (2) The term “new psychoactive substance”
20 means a substance of abuse, or any preparation
21 thereof, that—

22 (A) is not—

23 (i) included in any schedule as a con-
24 trolled substance under the Controlled
25 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.); or

1 (ii) controlled by the Single Conven-
2 tion on Narcotic Drugs signed at New
3 York, New York, on March 30, 1961, or
4 the Convention on Psychotropic Substances
5 signed at Vienna, Austria, on February 21,
6 1971;
7 (B) is new or has reemerged on the illicit
8 market; and
9 (C) poses a threat to the public health and
10 safety.

