

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5294

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## AN ACT

To amend title 40, United States Code, to address the impact of drug abuse on economic development in Appalachia, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Treating Barriers to  
3 Prosperity Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. DRUG ABUSE MITIGATION INITIATIVE.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 145 of title 40, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 14509  
7 the following:

8 **“§ 14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative**

9       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Appalachian Regional Com-  
10 mission may provide technical assistance to, make grants  
11 to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide amounts  
12 to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for  
13 projects and activities to address drug abuse, including  
14 opioid abuse, in the region, including projects and activi-  
15 ties—

16               “(1) to facilitate the sharing of best practices  
17       among States, counties, and other experts in the re-  
18       gion with respect to reducing such abuse;

19               “(2) to initiate or expand programs designed to  
20       eliminate or reduce the harm to the workforce and  
21       economic growth of the region that results from such  
22       abuse;

23               “(3) to attract and retain relevant health care  
24       services, businesses, and workers; and

1 “(4) to develop relevant infrastructure, includ-  
2 ing broadband infrastructure that supports the use  
3 of telemedicine.

4 “(b) LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Of the  
5 cost of any activity eligible for a grant under this sec-  
6 tion—

7 “(1) not more than 50 percent may be provided  
8 from amounts appropriated to carry out this section;  
9 and

10 “(2) notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

11 “(A) in the case of a project to be carried  
12 out in a county for which a distressed county  
13 designation is in effect under section 14526,  
14 not more than 80 percent may be provided from  
15 amounts appropriated to carry out this section;  
16 and

17 “(B) in the case of a project to be carried  
18 out in a county for which an at-risk designation  
19 is in effect under section 14526, not more than  
20 70 percent may be provided from amounts ap-  
21 propriated to carry out this section.

22 “(c) SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to sub-  
23 section (b), a grant provided under this section may be  
24 provided from amounts made available to carry out this  
25 section in combination with amounts made available—

1           “(1) under any other Federal program (subject  
2           to the availability of subsequent appropriations); or

3           “(2) from any other source.

4           “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any provi-  
5           sion of law limiting the Federal share under any other  
6           Federal program, amounts made available to carry out  
7           this section may be used to increase that Federal share,  
8           as the Appalachian Regional Commission determines to be  
9           appropriate.”.

10          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
11          ter 145 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by  
12          inserting after the item relating to section 14509 the fol-  
13          lowing:

“14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 13, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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