

**[DISCUSSION DRAFT]**

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “\_\_\_\_\_ Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

2 Section 168 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
3 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3223) is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 “(d) COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY SUBSTANCE USE  
6 DISORDERS.—The Secretary shall, as part of the activities  
7 described in subsection (c)(2), evaluate and disseminate  
8 to States and local areas information regarding evidence-  
9 based and promising practices for addressing the economic  
10 and workforce impacts associated with high rates of sub-  
11 stance use disorders, which information shall—

12 “(1) be updated annually to reflect the most re-  
13 cent and available research; and

14 “(2) include information—

15 “(A) shared by States and local areas re-  
16 garding effective practices for addressing such  
17 impacts; and

18 “(B) on how to apply for any funding that  
19 may be available under section 170(b)(1)(E).”.

20 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANTS.**

21 Section 170 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
22 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
25 “and” at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by striking  
2 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;  
3 and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(E) to an entity described in subsection  
6 (c)(1)(B) to provide employment and training  
7 activities related to the prevention and treat-  
8 ment of substance use disorders, including ad-  
9 diction treatment, mental health treatment, and  
10 pain management, in an area that, as a result  
11 of widespread substance use, addiction, and  
12 overdoses, has higher-than-average demand for  
13 such activities that exceeds the availability of  
14 State and local resources to provide such activi-  
15 ties.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

18 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)  
19 and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-  
20 tively; and

21 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B)  
22 the following:

23 “(C) SUBSTANCE USE RELATED  
24 GRANTS.—In order to be eligible to receive em-  
25 ployment and training assistance under a na-

1            tional dislocated worker grant awarded pursu-  
2            ant to subsection (b)(1)(E), an individual shall  
3            be—

4                    “(i) a dislocated worker;

5                    “(ii) a long-term unemployed indi-  
6            vidual;

7                    “(iii) an individual who is unemployed  
8            or significantly underemployed as a result  
9            of widespread substance use in the area; or

10                   “(iv) an individual who is employed or  
11           seeking employment in a health care pro-  
12           fession involved in the prevention and  
13           treatment of substance use disorders, in-  
14           cluding such professions that provide ad-  
15           diction treatment, mental health treat-  
16           ment, or pain management.”.