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JESSIE'S LAW

H.R.1554

Sponsor: Rep. Tim Walberg (MI)

Cosponsors: 4

Co-Lead: Dingell

GOP: Jenkins (WV), Mooney

Dem: Swalwell

Committees: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Related Bills: S.581

Description: A bill named after Michigan resident Jessie Grubb who tragically died of an opioid overdose last year. Jessie's Law would help ensure doctors have access to a consenting patient's prior history of addiction in order to make fully informed care and treatment decisions.

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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 115th CONGRESS

STEM THE TIDE OF OVERDOSE PREVALENCE FROM OPIATE DRUGS (STOP OD) ACT

H.R.664

Sponsor: Rep. David Joyce (OH)

Cosponsors: 32

Co-Lead: Ryan (OH)

GOP: Barr, Bost, Comstock, Donovan, Duncan, LaHood, Faso, Katko, Kelly (PA), Meehan, Renacci, Stefanik, Stivers, Turner

Dem: Blumenauer, Bonamici, Dingell, Evans, Kuster, Gabbard, Hastings, Jackson Lee, Jayapal, Kaptur, Khanna, Kilmer, Serrano, Slaughter, Soto, Wasserman Shultz

Committees: House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Armed Services

Status: Referred to Relevant Subcommittees

Related Bills: NA

Description:

1. This bill would authorize not more than \$75 million annually in grants for two years to expand educational efforts to prevent opiate abuse, promote treatment and recovery, and promote the understanding that addiction is a chronic disease
2. This bill would also authorize not more than \$150 million annually in grants for two years to provide access to Naloxone, training in the administration of the drug, and testing for Fentanyl.
 - a. This grant would be paid for in part by a fee of \$80, the same cost as one unit of Naloxone, attached to conviction for certain drug offenses (manufacture, distribution, and possession with the intent to distribute). This fee ensures the criminals enabling the supply and demand of the drug trade pay into mitigating the consequences of their actions. After two years, the funds collected go toward paying down the federal debt.
3. Pay For: This bill would extend data center consolidation efforts for two more years, generating about \$500 million in savings.

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ADDICTION RECOVERY THROUGH FAMILY HEALTH ACCOUNTS ACT

H.R.1575

Sponsor: Rep. Tom MacArthur (NJ)

Cosponsors: 1

Co-Lead: Clark

Committees: House Committee on Ways and Means

Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Related Bills: NA

Description: This legislation would give family members the option of using funds in their Health Savings Accounts, Flexible Spending Accounts, or similar accounts to pay for addiction treatment for any relative, even if they aren't a dependent. Currently, you are not permitted to use funds in your tax advantaged accounts to pay for a family member's rehab unless they are your spouse, dependent, or a dependent relative. This legislation will make sure any family member struggling with addiction can be helped by a relative with these tax advantaged funds.

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ROAD TO RECOVERY ACT

H.R.2938

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA)

Cosponsors: 15

Co-Lead: Murphy (FL)

GOP: Kelly (PA), Knight, MacArthur, Murphy (PA), Tenney

Dem: Boyle, Brady, Clark, Courtney, Foster, Kuster, S. Maloney, Norcross, Shea-Porter

Committees: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

Related Bills: NA

Description: This bill would eliminate the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion for substance use disorder and help states expand access to inpatient treatment for Medicaid enrollees.

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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY DETECTING INCOMING CONTRABAND WITH TECHNOLOGY (INTERDICT) ACT

H.R.2142

Sponsor: Rep. Niki Tsongas (MA)

Cosponsors: 4

Co-Lead: Fitzpatrick

GOP: Buchanan, Comstock

Dem: Ryan (OH)

Committees: House Committee on Homeland Security

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security

Related Bills: S.708

Description: Authorizes the appropriation of \$15 million for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to fund new screening devices, laboratory equipment, facilities, and personnel for the latest in chemical screening devices and scientific support to detect and intercept fentanyl and other synthetic opioids.

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SYNTHETIC DRUG AWARENESS ACT

H.R.449

Sponsor: Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY)

Cosponsors: 19

Co-Lead: Gowdy, Butterfield, Collins (NY)

GOP: Allen, Bilirakis, Comstock, Cramer, Donovan, Joyce, King (NY), McKinley, Mullin, Olson, T. Rooney, Sensenbrenner, Stefanik, Thornberry

Dem: Kuster

Committees: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Related Bills: NA

Description: This bill would require the United States Surgeon General to submit a report to Congress on the public health effects of the rise in synthetic drug use among young people aged 12 to 18.

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CARING RECOVERY FOR INFANTS AND BABIES (CRIB) ACT

H.R.2501

Sponsor: Rep. Evan Jenkins (WV)

Cosponsors: 6

Co-Lead: NA

GOP: McKinley, Poliquin, Tipton, Turner

Dem: Clark, Ryan (OH)

Committees: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Related Bills: S.1148

Description: The bill would establish residential pediatric care centers within Medicaid to treat babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) exposure to opioids during pregnancy. This legislation would establish a provider type for NAS treatment centers clearly defining residential pediatric recovery centers. This legislation also includes an emphasis on residential pediatric recovery centers offering counseling to the mothers and families to help build those important connections from birth.

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VA PRESCRIPTION DATA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

H.R.1545

Sponsor: Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (NH)

Cosponsors: 11

Co-Lead: Wenstrup

GOP: Bergman, Costello, Poliquin, Walorski

Dem: Brownley, Esty, Peters, Sablan, Shea-Porter, Takano

Committees: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Status: **Passed the House**, Received in the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Related Bills: NA

Description: This bill would clarify current law to stipulate that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is required to disclose information to state-controlled substance monitoring programs for anyone – veteran or non-veteran – who is prescribed these medications through VA.

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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 115th CONGRESS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PAIN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Sponsor: Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (NH)

Cosponsors: 1

Dem: Norcross

Committees: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Status: Pending Draft

Related Bills: NA

Description: The bill would establish a new Center of Excellence for research into pain. The Center of Excellence would provide coordination across VA's existing and innovative research programs on reducing the use of opioids and improving alternative treatments to pain. The Center of Excellence would also conduct new research, especially in prescriber education regarding pain and substance use. The Center of Excellence is inspired in part by NIH's Pain Consortium which coordinates Pain related research across the institutes of NIH.

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