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To permit the Attorney General to award grants for accurate data on opioid-related overdoses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Overcoming Prevalent
5 Inadequacies in Overdose Information Data Sets Act” or
6 the “OPIOIDS Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ACCURATE DATA ON OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSES.**

8 The Attorney General may award grants to States,
9 territories, and localities to support improved data and
10 surveillance on opioid-related overdoses, including for ac-

1 tivities to improve postmortem toxicology testing, data
2 linkage across data systems throughout the United States,
3 electronic death reporting, or the comprehensiveness of
4 data on fatal and nonfatal opioid-related overdoses.

5 **SEC. 3. LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall make
7 grants to local law enforcement agencies and forensic lab-
8 oratories in communities with high rates of drug overdoses
9 for the purpose of—

10 (1) training to help officers identify overdoses;

11 (2) upgrading essential systems for tracing
12 drugs and processing samples in forensic labora-
13 tories to provide timely, accurate, and standard data
14 reporting to the National Forensic Laboratory Infor-
15 mation System; or

16 (3) training to better trace criminals through
17 the darknet.

18 (b) MANDATORY REPORTING.—None of the funds
19 made under subsection (a) may be used by grantees that
20 do not submit to the National Forensic Laboratory Infor-
21 mation System reports on overdose data.

22 (c) FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CEN-
23 TERS.—Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers shall
24 provide training to State and local law enforcement agen-

1 cies on how to best coordinate with State and Federal
2 partners for tracking drug-related activity.

3 (d) COPS GRANTS.—Section 1701(b) of the Omni-
4 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
5 U.S.C. 10381) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(24) to provide training and resources for con-
12 tainment devices to prevent secondary exposure to
13 fentanyl and other substances for first responders.”.

14 **SEC. 4. OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY RE-**
15 **FORM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Drug Enforcement Adminis-
17 tration shall develop uniform reporting standards for
18 inputting data into the National Forensic Laboratory In-
19 formation System for purity, formulation, and weight to
20 allow for better comparison across jurisdictions and be-
21 tween agencies and the sharing of data.

22 (b) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in subsection (a) may
23 be construed to require the creation of new or increased
24 obligations or reporting requirements on State or local lab-
25 oratories.

1 **SEC. 5. DEA TESTING.**

2 The Drug Enforcement Administration shall submit
3 to Congress, as part of the annual budget process, a spe-
4 cific line item for the level of funding necessary for the
5 Fentanyl Signature Profiling Program.

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