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# H. R. 1257

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of Florida (for herself and Mr. PAPPAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “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 training to equip officers to address overdoses and related  
4 criminal activity, electronic death reporting, or the com-  
5 prehensiveness of data on fatal opioid-related overdoses.

6 **SEC. 3. LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.**

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

11 (1) training to help officers identify overdoses;

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

17 (3) training to better trace criminals through  
18 the darknet; or

19 (4) providing training, staffing, and equipment  
20 in medical examiners and coroners' offices to provide  
21 more timely and comprehensive services in suspected  
22 overdose cases.

23 (b) MANDATORY REPORTING.—None of the funds  
24 made under subsection (a) may be used by grantees that

1 do not submit to the National Forensic Laboratory Infor-  
2 mation System reports on overdose data.

3 (c) FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CEN-  
4 TERS.—Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers shall  
5 provide training to State and local law enforcement agen-  
6 cies on how to best coordinate with State and Federal  
7 partners for tracking drug-related activity.

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

11 (1) in paragraph (23), by striking “and” at the  
12 end;

13 (2) in paragraph (24), by striking the period at  
14 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

16 “(25) to provide training and resources for con-  
17 tainment devices to prevent secondary exposure to  
18 fentanyl and other substances for first responders.”.

19 **SEC. 4. OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY RE-**  
20 **FORM.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Drug Enforcement Adminis-  
22 tration shall develop uniform reporting standards for  
23 inputting data into the National Forensic Laboratory In-  
24 formation System for purity, formulation, and weight to

1 allow for better comparison across jurisdictions and be-  
2 tween agencies and the sharing of data.

3 (b) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in subsection (a) may  
4 be construed to require the creation of new or increased  
5 obligations or reporting requirements on State or local lab-  
6 oratories.

7 **SEC. 5. DEA TESTING.**

8 The Drug Enforcement Administration shall submit  
9 to Congress, as part of the annual budget process, a spe-  
10 cific line item for the level of funding necessary for the  
11 Fentanyl Signature Profiling Program.

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