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# H. R. 5573

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize grant programs to combat fentanyl poisonings.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Mr. EVANS of Colorado (for himself, Mr. GRAY, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. CRANK, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. GUEST) 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 “Combatting Fentanyl  
5 Poisonings Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAMS TO COMBAT FENTANYL**  
7 **POISONINGS.**

8 (a) GRANT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.—Subpart 1 of  
9 part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe

1 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151 et seq.) is amend-  
2 ed—

3 (1) by redesignating section 509 as section 510;

4 and

5 (2) by inserting after section 508 the following:

6 **“SEC. 509. GRANT PROGRAMS TO COMBAT FENTANYL**  
7 **POISONINGS.**

8 “(a) GRANTS TO PREVENT THE SALE OF CON-  
9 TROLLED SUBSTANCES ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.—

10 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General,  
11 acting through the Director of the Bureau of Justice  
12 Assistance, and in consultation with the Secretary of  
13 Health and Human Services, is authorized to award  
14 grants to State and local law enforcement agencies  
15 to assist such agencies in planning, designing, estab-  
16 lishing, or operating locally based, proactive pro-  
17 grams to combat the unlawful sale, marketing, or  
18 distribution of controlled substances (as such term is  
19 defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substance  
20 Act (21 U.S.C. 802)) using social media platforms,  
21 including programs that—

22 “(A) prioritize the arrest of individuals  
23 who use social media platforms to unlawfully  
24 sell, market, or distribute controlled substances;  
25 and

1           “(B) provide education and training, in-  
2           cluding online training resources, to school per-  
3           sonnel, clinicians, and the public in order to—

4                   “(i) educate such persons on the dan-  
5                   gers of ingesting controlled substances pur-  
6                   chased using a social media platform, espe-  
7                   cially the risk of fentanyl poisoning from a  
8                   counterfeit substance (as such term is de-  
9                   fined in section 102 of the Controlled Sub-  
10                  stance Act (21 U.S.C. 802)); and

11                  “(ii) educate parents or personnel who  
12                  are charged with the well-being and safety  
13                  of children on commonly used methods of  
14                  communication between online drug dealers  
15                  and potential victims.

16           “(2) APPLICATION.—The head of a State or  
17           local law enforcement agency seeking a grant under  
18           this section shall submit to the Attorney General an  
19           application, at such time, in such manner, and con-  
20           taining such information as the Attorney General  
21           may reasonably require.

22           “(b) GRANTS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS  
23           ABOUT THE DANGERS OF FENTANYL.—

24                  “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General,  
25                  acting through the Director of the Bureau of Justice

1 Assistance, and in consultation with the Secretary of  
2 Health and Human Services, is authorized to award  
3 grants to non-profit organizations to assist such or-  
4 ganizations in designing, establishing, and operating  
5 public education and awareness campaigns that  
6 teach individuals about the dangers of fentanyl.

7 “(2) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under  
8 this section may be used for the following purposes:

9 “(A) Providing transportation for parents  
10 or immediate family members of individuals  
11 who died from fentanyl poisoning to speak at  
12 public events or awareness campaigns.

13 “(B) Creating, producing, and dissemi-  
14 nating educational materials related to the dan-  
15 gers of fentanyl, such as documentaries, pam-  
16 phlets, books, and infographics.

17 “(C) Providing counseling or mentorship  
18 services to individuals who have had a friend or  
19 a family member die from fentanyl poisoning.

20 “(D) Providing naloxone or overdose rever-  
21 sal education and training services to parents  
22 and school employees.

23 “(3) LIMITATION ON USES OF FUNDS.—Grants  
24 awarded under this section may not be used to pur-  
25 chase harm reduction services or supplies, such as

1 substance abuse test kits, sharps or medication dis-  
2 posal kits, medication lockboxes, supplies to promote  
3 sterile injection (including syringes and drug para-  
4 phernalia), safer smoking kits (including pipes, pi-  
5 pettes, and drug paraphernalia), and written edu-  
6 cational materials on safer injection practices, except  
7 that such funds may be used to purchase naloxone,  
8 naloxone administration supplies, or naloxone ad-  
9 ministration training.

10 “(4) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum  
11 amount of a grant under this subsection is \$50,000.

12 “(5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
13 ‘nonprofit organization’ means an organization that  
14 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-  
15 enue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation  
16 under section 501(a) of such Code.

17 “(c) GRANTS TO PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-  
18 FICERS FROM FENTANYL EXPOSURE.—

19 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General,  
20 acting through the Director of the Bureau of Justice  
21 Assistance, and in consultation with the Secretary of  
22 Health and Human Services, is authorized to award  
23 grants to State and local law enforcement agencies  
24 to assist such agencies in equipping and preparing

1 law enforcement officers at risk of fentanyl exposure  
2 on duty.

3 “(2) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under  
4 this section may be used for the following purposes:

5 “(A) Procuring and distributing equipment  
6 for fentanyl testing, fentanyl detection, and  
7 overdose reversal, including—

8 “(i) fentanyl test strips;

9 “(ii) field-portable ion mobility spec-  
10 trometers;

11 “(iii) naloxone; and

12 “(iv) naloxone administration sup-  
13 plies; and

14 “(B) Providing training to officers on the  
15 use of equipment for fentanyl testing, fentanyl  
16 detection, and overdose reversal.”.

17 (b) RESERVED FUNDS.—Section 506(a) of the Omni-  
18 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
19 U.S.C. 10157(a)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the  
21 end;

22 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at  
23 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

1           “(3) \$10,000,000 for grants under section  
2           509(a);

3           “(4) \$3,000,000 for grants under section  
4           509(b); and

5           “(5) \$2,000,000 for grants under section  
6           509(c).”.

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