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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for regional centers of excellence in substance use disorder education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Treatment, Education,
5 and Community Help to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”
6 or the “TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS OF EX-**
2 **CELLENCE IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**
3 **EDUCATION.**

4 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
5 is amended by inserting after section 549 (42 U.S.C.
6 290ee-4) the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 550. REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN SUB-**
8 **STANCE USE DISORDER EDUCATION.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
10 with such other agencies as are appropriate, shall, subject
11 to the availability of appropriations, establish a solicitation
12 process and award cooperative agreements to eligible enti-
13 ties for the designation of such entities as Regional Cen-
14 ters of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education
15 and support of such regional centers of excellence to en-
16 hance and improve how health professionals are educated
17 in pain management and substance use disorder through
18 development, evaluation, and distribution of evidence-
19 based curriculum for health care professional schools. An
20 eligible entity designated by the Secretary as a Regional
21 Center of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Edu-
22 cation shall carry out the activities described in subsection
23 (b).

24 “(b) SELECTION OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—

1 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to re-
2 ceive a cooperative agreement under subsection (a),
3 an entity shall—

4 “(A) be an entity specified by the Sec-
5 retary that offers education to students in var-
6 ious health professions, which may include—

7 “(i) a health system;

8 “(ii) a teaching hospital;

9 “(iii) a community health center;

10 “(iv) a physician’s office;

11 “(v) a medical school; or

12 “(vi) any other health professional
13 school, school of public health, or Coopera-
14 tive Extension Program at institutions of
15 higher education engaged in an aspect of
16 the prevention, treatment, or recovery of
17 substance use disorders;

18 “(B) demonstrate an existing strategy, and
19 have in place a plan for continuing such strat-
20 egy, or a proposed strategy to implement a cur-
21 riculum based on best practices for substance
22 use disorder prevention, treatment, and recov-
23 ery;

24 “(C) demonstrate community engagement
25 and participation through community partners,

1 including mental health counselors, social work-
2 ers, peer recovery specialists, substance use
3 treatment programs, law enforcement, and the
4 business community; and

5 “(D) provide to the Secretary such infor-
6 mation, at such time, and in such manner, as
7 the Secretary may require.

8 “(2) DIVERSITY.—In awarding cooperative
9 agreements under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
10 take into account regional differences among eligible
11 entities and shall make an effort to ensure geo-
12 graphic diversity.

13 “(c) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

14 “(1) PUBLIC POSTING.—The Secretary shall
15 make information provided to the Secretary under
16 subsection (b)(1)(D) publically available on the
17 Internet website of the Department of Health and
18 Human Services.

19 “(2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evalu-
20 ate each project carried out by a Regional Center of
21 Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education
22 under this section and shall disseminate the findings
23 with respect to each such evaluation to appropriate
24 public and private entities.

1 “(d) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
2 priated to carry out this section, \$2,000,000 for each of
3 fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”.

4 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF NIH CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**
5 **IN PAIN EDUCATION.**

6 Part C of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
7 is amended by inserting after section 409J (42 U.S.C.
8 284q) the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 409K. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN PAIN EDU-**
10 **CATION.**

11 “There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000
12 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023 for the Centers
13 of Excellence in Pain Education program conducted by the
14 Director of NIH, through the Pain Consortium, under
15 which such Centers of Excellence provide for coordination
16 of the development, evaluation, and distribution of pain
17 management curriculum for health professional schools to
18 improve how health care professionals are taught about
19 pain and its treatment.”.

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