

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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Page 1220, after line 11, insert the following:

1       **TITLE VI—OTHER MATTERS**

2       **SEC. 26001. WASTEWATER DRUG TESTING PILOT PROGRAM.**

3           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-  
4 vironmental Protection Agency shall establish a pilot pro-  
5 gram to provide funding to States to incorporate waste-  
6 water testing for drugs at municipal wastewater treatment  
7 plants in order to monitor drug consumption and detect  
8 new drug use more quickly and in a more specific geo-  
9 graphic region than methods currently in use.

10          (b) SELECTION.—In carrying out the pilot program  
11 established under subsection (a), the Administrator shall,  
12 subject to appropriations, select 5 States to each receive  
13 \$1,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024 to  
14 provide funding to municipal wastewater treatment plants  
15 to incorporate testing for drugs into their routine waste-  
16 water testing protocol.

17          (c) REQUIREMENTS.—A State receiving funds pursu-  
18 ant to the pilot program shall—

1           (1) provide funding to municipal wastewater  
2           treatment plants to collect and test water samples;

3           (2) facilitate a partnership between local health  
4           departments and municipal wastewater treatment  
5           plants; and

6           (3) provide not less than 10 percent of the  
7           funds to applicable local health departments to de-  
8           velop public health interventions to respond to drug  
9           use in the community, as indicated by testing re-  
10          sults.

11          (d) ANALYSES.—A State receiving funds pursuant to  
12          the pilot program may use a portion of the funding to  
13          have test results analyzed, including to develop estimates  
14          of how many doses of a drug have been consumed and  
15          to track results over time. The State shall report such  
16          analyses to the local and State health departments and  
17          to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

18          (e) REPORTS.—

19                (1) STATE REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days  
20                after the end of the pilot program, each State that  
21                received funds shall submit a report to the Commit-  
22                tees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation  
23                and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,  
24                the Committees on Health, Education, Labor, and  
25                Pensions and Environment and Public Works of the

1 Senate, and the Centers for Disease Control and  
2 Prevention that includes each year's final budget, an  
3 explanation of how the program was established,  
4 what information the wastewater testing provided  
5 and whether findings were in line with other drug  
6 surveillance strategies, the usefulness of testing as  
7 an evaluation strategy for policy change and public  
8 health interventions, challenges encountered, and  
9 recommendations for responsible data use and main-  
10 taining privacy.

11 (2) CDC REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
12 after the end of the pilot program, the Centers for  
13 Disease Control and Prevention shall submit a re-  
14 port to Congress analyzing the reports submitted  
15 under paragraph (1) and detailing best practices for  
16 implementing wastewater testing and using the re-  
17 sults to inform public health interventions.

18 (f) RESTRICTIONS.—

19 (1) COLLECTION.—A State receiving funds pur-  
20 suant to the pilot program may not use such funds  
21 to collect water samples from any location other  
22 than a municipal wastewater treatment plant.

23 (2) DISCLOSURE.—Analyses of samples col-  
24 lected pursuant to this section may not be disclosed  
25 to any entity other than the applicable State and

1 local health departments and the Centers for Dis-  
2 ease Control and Prevention.

3 (3) REPORTS.—Any information relating to  
4 sample analyses included in a report submitted  
5 under subsection (e) shall not be made public.

