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To direct the Secretary of Education to develop and disseminate an evidence-based curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 on substance use disorders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VELA (for himself and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Saving America’s Fu-
5 ture by Educating Kids Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULUM ON SUBSTANCE**
7 **USE DISORDERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF
2 CURRICULUM.—The Secretary of Education, in con-
3 sultation with the partners described in paragraph
4 (2), shall develop and disseminate an evidence-based
5 curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 on
6 educating students at an age-appropriate level on
7 the dangers and harmful impacts of substances
8 that—

9 (A) focuses on opioid and other substances
10 misuse and abuse; and

11 (B) includes vaping, e-cigarettes, tobacco,
12 and other substances.

13 (2) PARTNERS.—The partners described in this
14 paragraph are the following:

15 (A) The Assistant Secretary of the Sub-
16 stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Ad-
17 ministration.

18 (B) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
19 ease Control and Prevention.

20 (C) The Assistant Secretary of the Admin-
21 istration for Children and Families.

22 (D) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

23 (E) The Director of the National Institute
24 on Drug Abuse or a designee of the Director
25 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

1 (F) The Director of the National Institute
2 on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism or a designee
3 of the Director from the National Institute on
4 Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

5 (G) The Administrator of the Office of Ju-
6 venile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of
7 the Department of Justice or a designee of the
8 Administrator from the Office of Juvenile Jus-
9 tice and Delinquency Prevention.

10 (3) REVIEW AND UPDATE.—The Secretary of
11 Education, in consultation with the partners de-
12 scribed in paragraph (2), shall review and update
13 the evidence-based curriculum developed under para-
14 graph (1) every 2 years.

15 (b) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning the first fiscal
17 year following the completion of the development of
18 the evidence-based curriculum under subsection
19 (a)(1), the Secretary of Education shall award
20 grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational
21 agencies to enable the State educational agencies to
22 implement the evidence-based curriculum. The Sec-
23 retary of Education shall award not less than 10
24 grants during each grant cycle.

1 (2) APPLICATION.—A State educational agency
2 that desires to receive a grant under this subsection
3 shall submit an application to the Secretary of Edu-
4 cation at such time, in such manner, and accom-
5 panied by such information as the Secretary may re-
6 quire.

7 (3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under
8 this subsection, the Secretary of Education shall give
9 preference to States that have experienced the high-
10 est drug overdose death rate per capita.

11 (4) SUBCONTRACT.—A State educational agen-
12 cy that receives a grant under this subsection may
13 subcontract with community coalitions, that are or
14 have been a recipient of a grant under section 1032
15 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C.
16 1532), to implement the evidence-based curriculum,
17 as needed.

18 (5) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each State educational
19 agency that receives a grant under this subsection
20 shall provide an annual report to the Secretary of
21 Education on measures set by the Secretary to mon-
22 itor the quality of implementation of the evidence-
23 based curriculum.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) EVIDENCE-BASED.—The term “evidence-
2 based” has the meaning given the term in section
3 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
4 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

5 (2) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
6 “State educational agency” has the meaning given
7 the term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
8 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9 (d) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
10 priated to carry out this section such sums as may be nec-
11 essary for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2030.

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