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# H. R. 8386

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mr. LAMB (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas) 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 “Grants for Rural Ef-  
5 ferts to Address Treatment and Ensure Recovery in Com-  
6 munities Act of 2020” or as the “GREATER Commu-  
7 nities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF RURAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE**  
2 **PILOT PROGRAMS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE**  
3 **COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE GRANT PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 3021 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
10 “and”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the  
12 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(H) a pilot program for rural areas to im-  
15 plement community response programs that  
16 focus on presenting alternatives to incarceration  
17 and reducing opioid overdose deaths, as de-  
18 scribed in subsection (f).”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(f) **RURAL PILOT PROGRAM.**—The pilot program  
21 described under this subsection shall make grants to rural  
22 areas to implement community response programs to re-  
23 duce opioid overdose deaths. Grants issued under this sub-  
24 section shall be jointly operated by local law enforcement  
25 and public health agencies or public safety, public health,  
26 and behavioral health collaborations. A community re-

1 sponse program under this subsection shall identify gaps  
2 in community prevention, treatment, and recovery services  
3 for individuals who encounter the criminal justice system  
4 and shall establish treatment protocols to address identi-  
5 fied shortcomings. The Attorney General, through the Of-  
6 fice of Justice Programs, shall increase the amount pro-  
7 vided as a grant under this section for a pilot program  
8 by no more than five percent for each of the two years  
9 following certification by the Attorney General of the sub-  
10 mission of data by the rural area on the prescribing of  
11 schedules II, III, and IV controlled substances to a pre-  
12 scription drug monitoring program, or any other central-  
13 ized database administered by an authorized State agency,  
14 which includes tracking the dispensation of such sub-  
15 stances, and providing for interoperability and data shar-  
16 ing with each other such program (including an electronic  
17 health records system) in each other State, and with any  
18 interstate entity that shares information between such  
19 programs.”.

20 **SEC. 3. PROVISION REGARDING CERTAIN FUNDING LEVEL**  
21 **FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES.**

22 Section 3024 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
23 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10704) is amend-  
24 ed—

1           (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3           (2) in paragraph (2)(C) by striking the period  
4 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

6           “(3) provides that no less than 10 percent of  
7 grants issued pursuant to this part shall be awarded  
8 to rural areas.”.

9 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

10          Section 3025 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
11 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10705) is amend-  
12 ed by adding at the end the following:

13           “(9) The term ‘rural area’ have the meanings  
14 given such terms in section 343(a)(13)(A) of the  
15 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
16 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(A)).”.

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