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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TRONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

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 “Supporting Families
5 through Addiction Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES OF IN-**
2 **DIVIDUALS STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE**
3 **USE DISORDER.**

4 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 **“SEC. 553. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES OF**
8 **INDIVIDUALS STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE**
9 **USE DISORDER.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘family community organization’
12 means an independent nonprofit organization that—

13 “(A) mobilizes resources within and out-
14 side of the community of families that include
15 an individual living with a substance use dis-
16 order, to provide a support network, education,
17 and evidence-informed tools for families and
18 loved ones of individuals struggling with sub-
19 stance use disorders; and

20 “(B) is governed by experts in the field of
21 substance use disorder, which may include—

22 “(i) experts in evidence-informed
23 interventions for family members;

24 “(ii) experts in the impact of sub-
25 stance use disorder on family systems;

1 “(iii) families who have experience
2 with substance use disorder; and

3 “(iv) other experts in the field of sub-
4 stance use disorder; and

5 “(2) the term ‘family support services’ means
6 resources or programs that support families that in-
7 clude an individual with substance use disorder.

8 “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall
9 award grants to family community organizations to enable
10 such organizations to develop, expand, and enhance evi-
11 dence-informed family support services.

12 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
13 costs of a program funded by a grant under this section
14 may not exceed 85 percent.

15 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-
16 section (b)—

17 “(1) shall be used to develop, expand, and en-
18 hance community, Tribal, and statewide evidence-in-
19 formed family support services; and

20 “(2) may be used to—

21 “(A) build connections between family sup-
22 port networks, including providing technical as-
23 sistance between family community organiza-
24 tions and peer support networks, and with
25 other family support services, focused on en-

1 hancing knowledge of evidence-informed inter-
2 ventions for family members and loved ones of
3 individuals living with substance use disorders
4 and reducing harm by educating service pro-
5 viders on current evidence regarding substance
6 use disorder and the family, including—

7 “(i) behavioral health providers, in-
8 cluding such providers focused specifically
9 on family and couples therapy in the con-
10 text of substance use disorder;

11 “(ii) primary care providers;

12 “(iii) providers of foster care services
13 or support services for grandparents,
14 guardians, and other extended family im-
15 pacted by substance use disorder; and

16 “(iv) other family support services
17 that connect to community resources for
18 individuals with substance use disorders,
19 including non-clinical community services;

20 “(B) reduce stigma associated with fami-
21 lies that include an individual with a substance
22 use disorder by improving knowledge about sub-
23 stance use disorder and its treatment, providing
24 compassionate support, and dispelling myths
25 that perpetuate such stigma;

1 “(C) conduct outreach on issues relating to
2 substance use disorders and family support,
3 which may include education, training, and re-
4 sources with respect to—

5 “(i) building a resilience- and
6 strengths-based approach to prevention of,
7 and living with, substance use disorder in
8 the family;

9 “(ii) identifying the signs of substance
10 use disorder;

11 “(iii) adopting an approach that mini-
12 mizes harm to all family members; and

13 “(iv) families that include an indi-
14 vidual with a substance use disorder, in-
15 cluding with respect to—

16 “(I) navigating the treatment
17 and recovery systems;

18 “(II) paying for substance use
19 disorder treatment;

20 “(III) education about substance
21 use disorder; and

22 “(IV) avoiding predatory treat-
23 ment programs; and

24 “(D) connect families to evidence-informed
25 peer support programs.

1 “(e) DATA REPORTING AND PROGRAM OVER-
2 SIGHT.—With respect to a grant awarded under sub-
3 section (a), not later than 90 days after the end of the
4 first year of the grant period, and annually thereafter for
5 the duration of the grant period, the entity shall submit
6 data, as appropriate and to the extent practicable, to the
7 Secretary regarding—

8 “(1) the programs and activities funded by the
9 grant;

10 “(2) outcomes for the families of individuals
11 with a substance use disorder who received services
12 through programs supported by the grant, as evalu-
13 ated by an independent program evaluator through
14 the use of outcomes measures, as determined by the
15 Secretary; and

16 “(3) any other information that the secretary
17 may require for the purpose of ensuring that the
18 grant recipient is complying with all the require-
19 ments of the grant.

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.