



Campus Prevention and Recovery Services for Students Act of 2019

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Background

We are facing a nationwide addiction epidemic. Between 1999 and 2015, drug overdose deaths [more than tripled](#). Now, [more than 100 Americans](#) die every day from overdosing on opioids. Campuses are feeling the impact. [One in ten undergraduates](#) report using pain medications for non-medical reasons.

We must do more to ensure college students enjoy a healthy and safe environment on campus and have access to the range of programs that can educate students about substance use and help those with substance use disorder. [According to the National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#), successful prevention efforts involve a combination of strategies and collaboration between individual students, the student body, and the broader college community.

About the Legislation

The *Campus Prevention and Recovery Services for Students Act of 2019* amends the Higher Education Act to help institutions of higher education implement evidence-based programs to prevent alcohol and substance misuse on campus and support those with substance use disorders (SUDs)

Promotes Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Strategies

- Supports and implements programs meant to eliminate illegal substance use, decrease substance misuse, improve public health, and improve campus safety
- Implements a requirement that campus-based substance misuse prevention programs be “evidence-based”

Ensures a Collaborative and Holistic Approach

- Promotes collaboration between institutions and the state agencies that administer related programs targeting substance use disorder
- Allows for collaboration and coordination among institutions of higher education or consortia of similar institutions
- Encourages integration and collaboration in campus-based health services between primary care, substance use disorder services, and mental health services

Provides Needed Funding and Resources to Institutions

- Requires an interagency agreement between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to identify and promote successful programs
- Revitalizes a grant program to help institutions of higher education implement successful programs
- Supports a range of initiatives, including early screening education, recovery support services, peer support services, and counseling for students with a substance use disorder, along with re-entry assistance