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[Report No. 115-]

To amend title 40, United States Code, to address the impact of drug abuse on economic development in Appalachia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA (for himself, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY --, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

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 “Treating Barriers to
5 Prosperity Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRUG ABUSE MITIGATION INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 145 of title 40, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 14509
9 the following:

10 **“§ 14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Appalachian Regional Com-
12 mission may provide technical assistance to, make grants
13 to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide amounts
14 to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for
15 projects and activities to address drug abuse, including
16 opioid abuse, in the region, including projects and activi-
17 ties—

18 “(1) to facilitate the sharing of best practices
19 among States, counties, and other experts in the re-
20 gion with respect to reducing such abuse;

21 “(2) to initiate or expand programs designed to
22 eliminate or reduce the harm to the workforce and
23 economic growth of the region that results from such
24 abuse;

1 “(3) to attract and retain relevant health care
2 services, businesses, and workers; and

3 “(4) to develop relevant infrastructure, includ-
4 ing broadband infrastructure that supports the use
5 of telemedicine.

6 “(b) LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Of the
7 cost of any activity eligible for a grant under this sec-
8 tion—

9 “(1) not more than 50 percent may be provided
10 from amounts appropriated to carry out this section;
11 and

12 “(2) notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

13 “(A) in the case of a project to be carried
14 out in a county for which a distressed county
15 designation is in effect under section 14526,
16 not more than 80 percent may be provided from
17 amounts appropriated to carry out this section;
18 and

19 “(B) in the case of a project to be carried
20 out in a county for which an at-risk designation
21 is in effect under section 14526, not more than
22 70 percent may be provided from amounts ap-
23 propriated to carry out this section.

24 “(c) SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to sub-
25 section (b), a grant provided under this section may be

1 provided from amounts made available to carry out this
2 section in combination with amounts made available—

3 “(1) under any other Federal program (subject
4 to the availability of subsequent appropriations); or

5 “(2) from any other source.

6 “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any provi-
7 sion of law limiting the Federal share under any other
8 Federal program, amounts made available to carry out
9 this section may be used to increase that Federal share,
10 as the Appalachian Regional Commission determines to be
11 appropriate.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
13 ter 145 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by
14 inserting after the item relating to section 14509 the fol-
15 lowing:

“14510. Drug abuse mitigation initiative.”.