AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5261
OFFERED BY MR. BURGESS OF TEXAS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
   This Act may be cited as the “Treatment, Education, and Community Help to Combat Addiction Act of 2018” or the “TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”.

2 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER EDUCATION.
   Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended by inserting after section 549 (42 U.S.C. 290ee–4) the following new section:

   “SEC. 550. REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER EDUCATION.
   “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with such other agencies as are appropriate, shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, establish a solicitation process and award cooperative agreements to eligible entities for the designation of such entities as Regional Centers of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education
and support of such regional centers of excellence to enhance and improve how health professionals are educated in substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery through development, evaluation, and distribution of evidence-based curricula for health profession schools. An eligible entity designated by the Secretary as a Regional Center of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education shall carry out the activities described in subsection (b).

“(b) SELECTION OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—

“(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a cooperative agreement under subsection (a), an entity shall—

“(A) be an entity specified by the Secretary that offers education to students in various health professions, which may include—

“(i) a health system;

“(ii) a teaching hospital;

“(iii) a medical school;

“(iv) a certified behavioral health clinic; or

“(v) any other health profession school, school of public health, or Cooperative Extension Program at institutions of higher education engaged in an aspect of
the prevention, treatment, or recovery of
substance use disorders;
“(B) be accredited by the appropriate edu-
cational accreditation body;
“(C) demonstrate an existing strategy, and
have in place a plan for continuing such strat-
 egy, or a proposed strategy to implement a cur-
criculum based on best practices for substance
use disorder prevention, treatment, and recov-
ery;
“(D) demonstrate community engagement
and participation through community partners,
including other health profession schools, men-
tal health counselors, social workers, peer recov-
ery specialists, substance use treatment pro-
grams, community health centers, physicians’
offices, certified behavioral health clinics, law
enforcement, and the business community; and
“(E) provide to the Secretary such infor-
mation, at such time, and in such manner, as
the Secretary may require.
“(2) DIVERSITY.—In awarding cooperative
agreements under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
take into account regional differences among eligible
entities and shall make an effort to ensure geographic diversity.

“(c) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

“(1) PUBLIC POSTING.—The Secretary shall make information provided to the Secretary under subsection (b)(1)(E) publically available on the Internet website of the Department of Health and Human Services.

“(2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evaluate each project carried out by a Regional Center of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education under this section and shall disseminate the findings with respect to each such evaluation to appropriate public and private entities.

“(d) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, $4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”.