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H. R. 5237

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report on the effects of the fentanyl crisis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2023

Mr. FRY (for himself, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. SANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Fentanyl Crisis Re-
5 search and Evaluation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE FENTANYL CRISIS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall submit to Congress a report
2 on the fentanyl crisis.

3 (b) REPORT.—The report shall include information
4 related to the fentanyl crisis, including the following:

5 (1) The effects, and implications of such ef-
6 fects, on—

7 (A) the general labor market,
8 disaggregated by race and gender, including—

9 (i) the unemployment rate;

10 (ii) the employment to total popu-
11 lation ratio;

12 (iii) the population that is age 16 or
13 older; and

14 (iv) the population that is not younger
15 than age 25 or older than age 54;

16 (B) industry sectors, such as construction
17 and finance;

18 (C) Federal tax revenue;

19 (D) means-tested Federal benefits pro-
20 grams, including Medicaid;

21 (E) Federal health programs, including
22 Medicare;

23 (F) housing instability, including evictions,
24 foreclosures, and homelessness, and the eco-

1 nomic effect on individuals experiencing such
2 instability; and

3 (G) State finances, including the resulting
4 effect on the Federal Government.

5 (2) Information on—

6 (A) the availability of each Federally as-
7 sisted rental housing program to individuals
8 with a known drug conviction;

9 (B) the number of individuals age 18 or
10 younger who have died from a fentanyl over-
11 dose; and

12 (C) actions the Federal Government can
13 take to—

14 (i) mitigate the burden of the fentanyl
15 crisis on States; and

16 (ii) efficiently address such crisis.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

18 (1) FEDERALLY ASSISTED RENTAL HOUSING.—

19 The term “Federally assisted rental housing” means
20 a residential dwelling unit that is made available for
21 rent and for which assistance is provided, or that is
22 part of a housing project for which assistance is pro-
23 vided, under any program administered by the Sec-
24 retary of Housing and Urban Development or the
25 Secretary of Agriculture.

1 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
2 the 50 States.

