

115TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5616

To require the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the opioid epidemic on minority communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 25, 2018

Ms. Clarke of New York (for herself, Mr. Rush, Mr. Butterfield, and Ms. Kelly of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the opioid epidemic on minority communities.

- 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 "Opioid Minority Health
- 5 Report to Congress Act of 2018".

1	SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND
2	HEALTH DISPARITIES REPORT ON THE IM-
3	PACT OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC ON MINOR-
4	ITY COMMUNITIES.
5	Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
6	ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the National
7	Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities shall
8	submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and
9	the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and
10	Commerce of the House of Representatives, and make
11	public on the Internet website of Department of Health
12	and Human Services, a report on the impact of the opioid
13	epidemic on racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined
14	in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42
15	U.S.C. 300u-6(g))), including the following:
16	(1) The scope of the epidemic within such racial
17	and ethnic minority groups with respect to the use
18	of prescription pain killers and illicit drug use, in-
19	cluding synthetics.
20	(2) The extent to which, and funding rec-
21	ommendations for how, the expansion of coverage
22	under the Medicare program under title XVIII of
23	the Social Security Act and the Medicaid program
24	under title XIX of such Act of medication-assisted
25	treatment and other treatment options could de-

1 crease the incidence of opioids use and of deaths 2 caused by opioids overdoses.

(3) The role of participation of such racial and minority groups in clinical trials for pain management therapy and alternatives to opioids pain management and recommendations on how to increase such participation of such groups in such clinical trials.

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