

# SB-40

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Henry of New Hampshire introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the "Opioid Recovery Act".

### SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

The opioid crisis has promoted crime, illegal substance use/abuse, and addiction for years. There are limited rehabilitation centers for those that want help, and no long-term solutions are available.

Addicts that are able to receive treatment are often cleaned of the substance, and released, leaving them to use again. The lack of long-term solutions is not helping the opioid crisis die out, and it becomes more of a problem every day. The people of the United States of America must find a solution to this problem, and free other from their addictions.

### **SECTION 3. FUNDING**

The US Department of Health and Human Services would be responsible for distributing the \$1.25 billion USD to each state treasury based on need, where the state treasury will manage the distribution of money to individual rehabilitation centers. This money would allow for rehabilitation centers to increase their holding capacity, so more addicts can be treated at the same time. Additionally, it would help cover the costs of necessary resources and materials. On top of the money distributed, addicts can be charged for any excess costs, and donations may be received if so desired.

### **SECTION 4. ACCOUNTABILITY**

In order to keep rehabilitation centers accountable, they will be required to participate in biannual spending checks. Spending checks must be submitted to the US Department of the Treasury, and must include a list of what items/resources were bought, and how much they cost. This is to ensure that rehabilitation centers are spending the money on its intended use, and not on personal gain. If the US Department of the Treasury deems a rehabilitation center is not using the money for its intended use, their \$25,000,000 USD budget will be cut, and shared with other rehabilitation centers that are struggling.

### **Section 5. ENACTMENT**

This will take effect immediately.