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Senate Aims to Pass Major Opioids Package after Labor Day

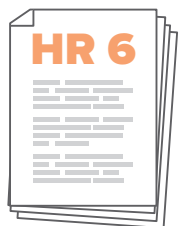
Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters that the Senate's latest bipartisan bill to address the opioid crisis will be a top priority after Labor Day, giving HELP Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) more time to negotiate the giant legislative package.

McConnell is expected to secure passage under unanimous consent, without an open amendments process. After the midterm election, the package will be combined with a similar legislative package in the House, passed in June.

Based on the most recent draft available, the legislation will combine at least 10 bills from four Senate committees. The entire package will cost at least \$11 billion over five years, according to CBO scores of the original bills.

List of Senate bills being combined in the latest draft of H.R. 6

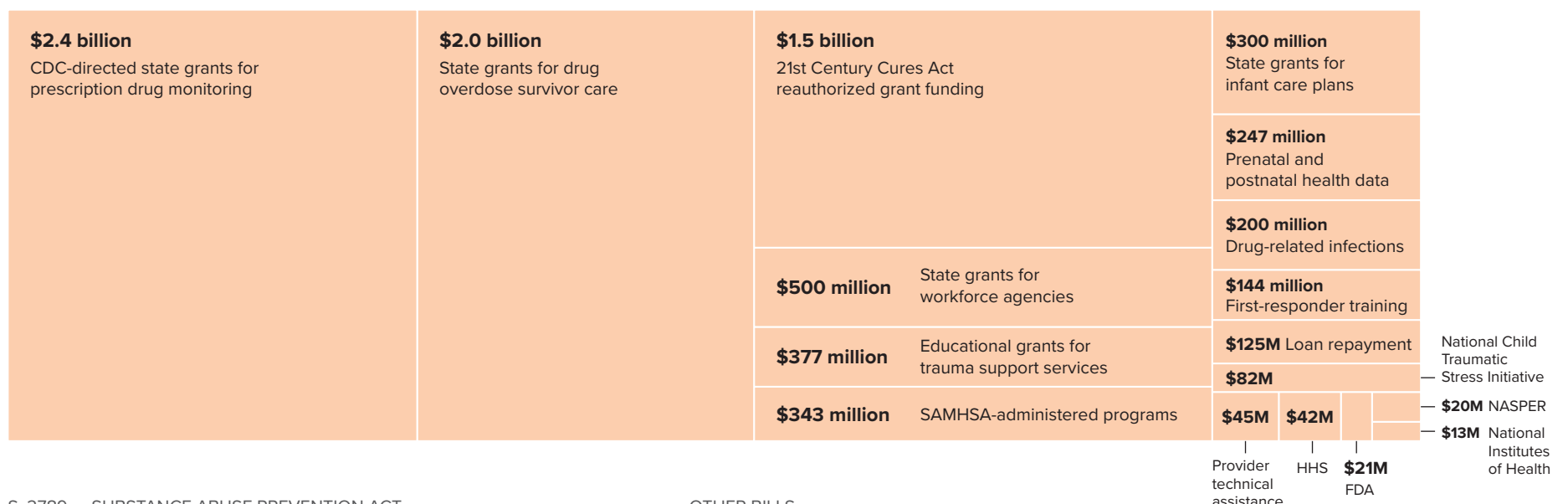
COMMITTEE	NUMBER	NAME	NET COST	DESCRIPTION
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	S. 2680	Opioid Crisis Response Act	\$8.4 billion	Establishes multiple programs administered by CDC, SAMHSA, HHS, the Administration for Children and Families, Labor Department, state governments and FDA
Finance	S. 3120	HEAL Substance Use Disorders Act	\$14 million	Reforms Medicare and Medicaid to expand opioid-related treatment and reduce inappropriate prescribing
Judiciary	S. 2645	Access to Increased Drug Disposal Act	\$19 million	Establishes a grant program to help states collect and dispose of unused prescription drugs
	S. 2838	Using Data to Prevent Opioid Diversion Act	None	Requires the DEA to improve reporting and sharing of data on legally distributed substances with abuse potential
	S. 2789	Substance Abuse Prevention Act	\$3.4 billion	Reauthorizes the Office of National Drug Control Policy
	S. 207	Synthetic Abuse and Labeling of Toxic Substances Act	None	Enables law enforcement to more easily prosecute distributors of synthetic drugs
	S. 2535	Opioid Quota Reform Act	None	Provides DEA more flexibility to determine quotas for opioid manufacturing
	S. 2837	Preventing Drug Diversion Act	None	Directs the DEA to establish a centralized database for manufacturers and distributors to report suspicious orders
Commerce, Science and Transportation	S. 2848	Fighting Opioid Abuse in Transportation Act	\$1 million	Directs the Transportation Department and HHS to revise guidelines for drug-testing transportation workers
	S. 2842	Opioid Addiction Recovery Fraud Prevention Act	None	Authorizes the FTC to levy civil penalties for misleading advertising by opioid treatment programs and products



Five-year cost estimates for the major provisions of H.R. 6

Budget authority estimates prepared by CBO for the original bills, fiscal years 2019-23

S. 2680 — OPIOID CRISIS RESPONSE ACT OF 2018



S. 2789 — SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION ACT



OTHER BILLS



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