

FIGHTING THE FENTANYL CRISIS

SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

ERADICATING NARCOTIC DRUGS AND FORMULATING EFFECTIVE NEW TOOLS TO ADDRESS NATIONAL YEARLY LOSSES OF LIFE (END FENTANYL) ACT



Recently signed by the President, this law requires the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to review and update the Office of Field Operations' policies and handbooks, at least once every three years to best respond to illegal activity, such as the trafficking of drugs and humans, along the border. Additionally, it requires notification to Congress of the changes made to policies and manuals.

STOPPING ONLINE CONFUSION FOR INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT BY MAINTAINING EVIDENCE DETERMINED INTERPARTY ARRANGEMENTS (SOCIAL MEDIA) ACT

The *SOCIAL MEDIA Act* allows for better law enforcement coordination in criminal cases with social media platforms by requiring 24/7 staffed-in-the-U.S.A. call centers for fielding information requests with clear guidelines for agencies to best expedite the process.

CONTINUING HIGH-QUALITY EVALUATIONS OF CONCERNING AND KNOWN PERSONS OF INTEREST THROUGH NATIONAL TRAINING UPDATES (CHECKPOINT) ACT

The *CHECKPOINT Act* codifies and requires regular updates to the Checkpoint Program Management Office so officers can better catch criminals at border checkpoints.

UPHOLDING THE LAW AT OUR BORDER ACT

This bill requires the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to investigate the vetting and processing of migrants apprehended along the southwest border. It also ensures that all laws are being upheld at our borders.

EXTENDING LIMITS OF U.S. CUSTOMS WATERS ACT

This legislation extends the customs waters territory of the United States from 12 to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, giving CBP Air and Marine Operations (AMO) and the U.S. Coast Guard the tools necessary to keep American families safe from drug and human traffickers.

CARIBBEAN BORDER COUNTERNARCOTICS STRATEGY ACT

This legislation would help stop the illegal trafficking of deadly drugs in the Caribbean, specifically between Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Florida. This bill builds off prior appropriations language requiring that a strategy is published by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

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OPIOID RESPONSE ACTION DATA AND REFORMS (RADAR) ACT

- The Opioid RADAR Act includes:
 - Data Collection: The bill will allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue grants to support improved data and surveillance on opioid-related overdoses, including activities to improve post-mortem toxicology testing, data linkage across data systems throughout the U.S., electronic death reporting, or data on fatal and nonfatal opioid-related overdoses.
 - Office of National Drug Control Policy Changes: The ONDCP is an important tool in fighting the drug crises we are seeing across the country and should be treated as such. This bill includes a Sense of Congress that the ONDCP Director should be a Cabinet-level position. This bill would also provide a series of other reforms including requirements that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and HHS issue guidance on overdose deaths, codify the Interagency Coordination Council, and apply the Congressional Review Act to final rules that are inconsistent with the National Drug Control Policy.
 - State Opioid Response Grants: This section would require the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Abuse to include an assessment of challenges for grant recipients, accounting for variations in implementation in the annual report to Congress and would require best practices on how to address opioid-related overdoses to recipients.
 - A Wastewater Pilot Program: The bill will direct the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the Attorney General to award grants on a competitive basis to municipal wastewater treatment facilities in order to conduct wastewater analysis to determine the prevalence of illicit substances.
 - Preventing Overdoses in Schools: The bill will allow grants used for reducing opioid overdoses to be awarded to schools to allow for training on recognizing overdose signs and purchasing emergency kits to reverse overdoses.
 - Fentanyl Test Strips: This section will clarify federal law with regard to fentanyl test strips.
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OVERCOMING PREVALENT INADEQUACIES IN OVERDOSE INFORMATION DATA SETS (OPIOIDS) ACT

The OPIOIDS Act includes provisions to help our law enforcement respond to the situation on the ground. It provides for better data collection and promotes collaboration between agencies involved in the National Drug Control Strategy. This bill also allows for grants to be given to local law enforcement agencies in the most impacted communities to help train officers to better identify overdoses, upgrade their drug testing capabilities and better trace criminals through the darknet.