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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §16-5T-3 and §16-5T-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
2 amended, all relating to drug overdoses; requiring entities report drug overdoses; requiring
3 details for drug overdose reports; eliminating mandatory reporters; and making
4 grammatical corrections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5T. OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY.

§16-5T-3. Reporting system requirements; implementation; central repository requirement.

1 (a) The Office of Drug Control Policy shall implement a program in which a central
2 repository is established and maintained that shall contain overdose information via an
3 appropriate information technology platform with secure access for the purpose of making
4 decisions regarding the allocation of public health and educational resources. In implementing
5 this program, the office shall consult with all affected entities, including law-enforcement agencies,
6 health care providers, emergency response providers, pharmacies, and medical examiners.

7 (b) The program authorized by this section shall be designed to minimize inconvenience
8 to all entities maintaining possession of the relevant information while effectuating the collection
9 and storage of the required information.

§16-5T-4. Entities required to report; required information.

1 (a) To fulfill the purposes of this article, the following information shall be reported, within
2 72 hours after the provider responds to the incident and via an appropriate information technology
3 platform, to the Office of Drug Control Policy:

- 4 (1) The date and time of the overdose;
- 5 (2) The approximate address of where the person was picked up or where the overdose
6 took place;
- 7 (3) Whether an opioid antagonist was administered;

8 (4) Whether the overdose was fatal or nonfatal;

9 (5) The gender and approximate age of the person receiving attention or treatment; and

10 (6) The suspected controlled substance involved in the overdose.

11 (b) The following entities shall be required to report information contained in §16-5T-4(a)

12 of this code:

13 (1) Health care providers;

14 (2) Medical examiners;

15 (3) Law-enforcement agencies, including, state, county, and local police departments;

16 (4) Emergency response providers; and

17 (5) Hospital emergency rooms.

18 (c) The data collected by the office pursuant to this subsection shall be made available to

19 law enforcement, local health departments, and emergency medical service agencies in each

20 county.

21 (d) Entities who are required to report information to or from the office pursuant to this

22 section in good faith are not subject to civil or criminal liability for making the report.

23 (e) For the purposes of this section:

24 "Information technology platform" means the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug

25 Trafficking Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program or other program identified by the

26 department in rule.

27 "Overdose" means an acute condition, including, but not limited to, extreme physical

28 illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, or death believed to be

29 caused by abuse and misuse of prescription or illicit drugs or by substances that a layperson

30 would reasonably believe to be a drug.

31 "Opioid antagonist" means a federal Food and Drug Administration-approved drug for the

32 treatment of an opiate-related overdose, such as naloxone hydrochloride or other substance that,

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- 33 when administered, negates or neutralizes, in whole or in part, the pharmacological effects of an
- 34 opioid in the body.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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The within *is* approved this the *25th*
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James Owens
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