



# FACT SHEET

House Committee on Education and Labor

Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

## ***Campus Prevention and Recovery Services for Students Act (H.R. 6493)***

**Mental health is a rising concern for students and staff on college campuses.** Since the beginning of the pandemic, states have reported increased numbers of drug overdoses, and institutions of higher education (IHEs) have reported increased mental health concerns from students. College students dealing with substance misuse often feel isolated and struggle to find the support they need. Currently, the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention section of the *Higher Education Act* (HEA) requires IHEs to implement programs to prevent student and employee alcohol and substance misuses.

The [\*Campus Prevention and Recovery Services for Students Act\*](#) is bipartisan legislation, led by Representative Leger Fernández (NM-03). It reauthorizes the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Provision and updates the language to center campus prevention and recovery efforts on evidence-based practices.

### **The *Campus Prevention and Recovery Services for Students Act*:**

- Establishes an interagency agreement between the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to support institutions in developing evidence-based prevention and recovery programs that are aimed to prevent alcohol and substance misuse and support students with substance use disorders;
- Encourages campus collaboration and service integration to holistically address student substance use and mental health concerns;
- Reauthorizes grants for IHEs to carry out the above efforts at \$15 million annually for the next five years; and
- Changes all references of “drug and alcohol abuse” to “alcohol and substance misuse” to align with current terminology and address all substance use disorders.