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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EXAMINES FLORIDA LAWS TARGETING OPIOID DISTRIBUTION

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today released a report from an NIJ-funded study that found laws passed by the Florida state legislature helped to reduce the number of “pill mills,” clinics that fuel the drug trade by overprescribing opioids.

Through interviews with law enforcement officials, researchers studied the impact of new policies banning drug dispensing by physicians and found that those policies improved reporting and the regulation of wholesale distribution. The study also examined the challenges and complexities associated with prosecuting pill mill cases.

TITLE: Florida Legislation Helps Reduce the Number of "Pill Mills"

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