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**Attorney General Griffin, High School Broyles Award,
and Coaches vs. Overdoses Announce Effort to
Expand Fentanyl Prevention Resources in Schools**

Griffin: 'Too many Arkansans have lost their lives to counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl, and we have to do everything we can to prevent the next tragedy'

LITTLE ROCK – The High School Broyles Award and the national opioid overdose prevention organization Coaches vs. Overdoses joined Attorney General Tim Griffin today at the Little Rock Touchdown Club to kick off “Coaches vs. Overdoses Week.” Griffin issued the following statement announcing his support for a partnership between the High School Broyles Award and Coaches vs. Overdoses to raise awareness and drive prevention of illicit opioid-related overdoses:

“Too many Arkansans have lost their lives to counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl, and we have to do everything we can to prevent the next tragedy. As a new school year begins, this is an important time to talk to young people about the dangers of these drugs. Coaches are trusted leaders in the lives of their athletes, and I encourage coaches and school administrators across Arkansas to use Coaches vs. Overdoses Week to start that conversation.

“I have been proud to support Coaches vs. Overdoses for the past two years, and their work goes hand in hand with our efforts on college campuses with the One Pill Can Kill initiative.”

High School Broyles Award Executive Director Clayton Harrell added this statement:

“We’re excited to partner with Attorney General Griffin to make Coaches vs. Overdoses a statewide effort. This is about more than just coaches and athletes. We want to bring awareness to students, parents, educators, and communities across Arkansas about the dangers of fentanyl and counterfeit pills. Our hope is that coaches, parents, and students start important conversations that continue throughout the school year and give Arkansas families the tools they need to help prevent overdoses and save lives.”

Coaches and administrators are encouraged to request Coaches vs. Overdoses Prevention Playbooks and hold a locker room talk with their teams. The playbooks provide resources and conversation starters to address fentanyl, counterfeit pills, and overdose prevention.

Coaches and administrators can request Coaches vs. Overdoses Prevention Playbooks at no cost and learn more at BroylesAward.com/CVO.

About Attorney General Tim Griffin

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state’s 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas’s Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin is currently an officer in the Arkansas Army National Guard and holds the rank of colonel. Griffin served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master’s degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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