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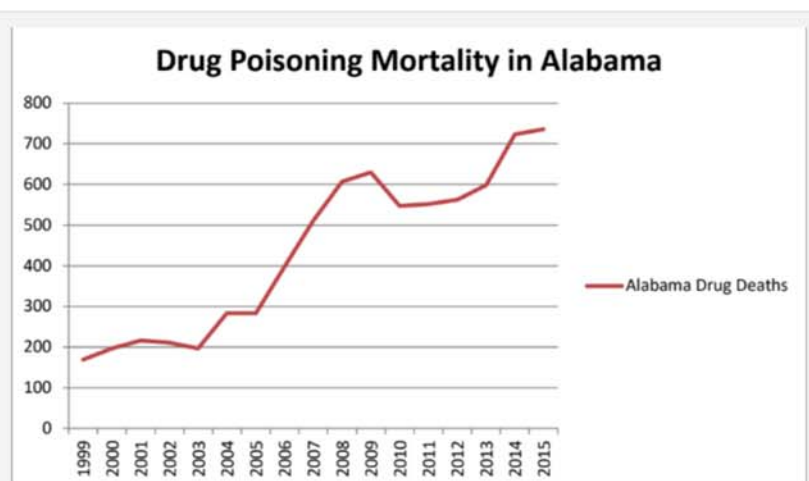


City of Mobile joins legal battle against opioid producers

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Mobile has joined cities and counties around the country in filing federal lawsuits against the manufacturers and distributors of several prevalent opioid painkillers — claiming the companies “intentionally and unlawfully” created a deadly and ongoing nuisance for communities.

While local governments have sued national drugmakers before, the growing opioid “crisis” added significant momentum to the trend in 2017. Today, more than 200 such federal lawsuits have been filed, which doesn’t include multiple other lawsuits brought in various state courts.



(Photo | U.S. District Court) Exhibits included in the city of Mobile’s lawsuit include this graph showing drug-related deaths in Alabama have soared since 2003.

Alabama has disproportionately suffered from prescription painkiller abuse, at an estimated rate of 142.9 prescriptions

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