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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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and Transportation

AUGUST 6, 2020

Reported by Mr. WICKER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

AN ACT

To direct the Director of the National Science Foundation
to support research on opioid addiction, and for other
purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and
6 Treatment Act” or the “EFFORT Act”.

7 (b) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds that—

1 (1) research gaps currently exist in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction;

2 (2) the National Science Foundation's research on opioid addiction has increased understanding of the neuroscience of addiction, substance abuse intervention, the role of illicit supply networks, the secondary effects on families, the use of technology to address the opioid epidemic, and options for alternative, non-addictive therapeutics for pain; and

3 (3) the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health have recognized that fundamental questions in basic, clinical, and translational research would benefit greatly from multidisciplinary approaches and collaboration.

4 **15 SEC. 2. NSF SUPPORT OF RESEARCH ON OPIOID ADDICTION.**

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16 **TION.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the National
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20 viewed and competitively-awarded research on the science
21 of opioid addiction.

22 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—To carry
23 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated
24 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

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