

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2354

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2019

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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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—

8 (1) research gaps currently exist in the preven-
9 tion and treatment of opioid addiction;

1 (2) the National Science Foundation’s research
 2 on opioid addiction has increased understanding of
 3 the neuroscience of addiction, substance abuse inter-
 4 vention, the role of illicit supply networks, the sec-
 5 ondary effects on families, the use of technology to
 6 address the opioid epidemic, and options for alter-
 7 native, non-addictive therapeutics for pain; and

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

13 **SEC. 2. NSF SUPPORT OF RESEARCH ON OPIOID ADDIC-**
 14 **TION.**

15 The Director of the National Science Foundation, in
 16 consultation with the Director of the National Institutes
 17 of Health, shall support merit-reviewed and competitively
 18 awarded research on the science of opioid addiction.

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