

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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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

Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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.**—Congress finds that—

8 (1) research gaps exist in the prevention and
9 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 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the National
16 Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of
17 the National Institutes of Health, shall support merit-re-
18 viewed and competitively-awarded research on the science
19 of opioid addiction.

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