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A Bill

SENATE BILL 488

5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON PREVENTION, TREATMENT,
9 COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON GAMBLING DISORDER
14 PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND
15 EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. (a) If funds are
22 available, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the University
23 of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall partner to conduct a study of the existing
24 occurrence of gambling disorders in the state and methods to prevent and
25 treat gambling disorders.

26 (b) In conducting the study, the University of Arkansas for Medical
27 Sciences and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall:

28 (1) Examine and describe the existing:

29 (A) Prevalence of gambling disorders in the state; and

30 (B) Programs available that prevent and address the
31 harmful consequences of gambling disorders; and

32 (2) Collaborate with scientists and physicians to examine the:

33 (A) Current research as to the:

34 (i) Causes of gambling disorders; and

35 (ii) Effects of gambling disorders on mental and
36 physical health; and



1 (B) Treatment methods for gambling disorders currently
2 available in the state.

3 (c) By December 1, 2018, the University of Arkansas for Medical
4 Sciences and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall report the
5 findings of the study and provide recommendations on methods to supplement or
6 improve gambling disorder prevention, treatment, counseling, and education
7 services in this state to the:

8 (1) Lottery Oversight Subcommittee;

9 (2) Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

10 (3) House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

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12 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
13 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many residents of this state
14 suffer from issues related to gambling disorders; that conducting a study on
15 the prevalence of gambling disorders and treatment options would provide
16 guidance on methods to address these issues; and that this act is immediately
17 necessary to protect the health and well-being of these residents. Therefore,
18 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary
19 for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
20 effective on:

21 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

22 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
23 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
24 bill; or

25 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
26 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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28 /s/A. Clark
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