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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 757

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6 By: Senator Madison

7 Filed with: Interim Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION,  
11 EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT OF PROBLEM GAMBLING  
12 DISORDERS AND COMPULSIVE GAMBLING DISORDERS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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16 TO PROVIDE FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE  
17 PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT OF  
18 PROBLEM GAMBLING DISORDERS AND COMPULSIVE  
19 GAMBLING DISORDERS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(19)(F), concerning the  
26 definition of "operating expenses" of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (F) ~~Funds for compulsive gambling education and treatment~~  
29 Funding for problem gambling disorder and compulsive gambling disorder  
30 prevention, treatment, and educational programs under § 23-115-410;  
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-115-410 is amended to read as follows:  
33 23-115-410. ~~Compulsive gambling~~ Gambling disorder prevention,  
34 treatment, and educational programs.

35 (a) As used in this section, "gambling disorder" means problem  
36 gambling disorder and compulsive gambling disorder.

1       ~~(a)(b)(1)~~ *The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall provide an annual*  
2 *amount of at least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for:*

3               ~~(1)(A)~~ *Compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs;*  
4 *and*

5               ~~(2)(B)~~ *Compulsive gambling disorder educational programs.*

6       ~~(b)(1)(2)(A)~~ *The commission shall work together with the*  
7 *Department of Human Services to implement the compulsive gambling disorder*  
8 *treatment programs and the compulsive gambling disorder educational programs*  
9 *under this section.*

10              ~~(2)(B)~~ *The commission may contract with the department for*  
11 *providing all services related to and administration of the compulsive*  
12 *gambling disorder treatment programs and the compulsive gambling disorder*  
13 *educational programs.*

14              ~~(3)(C)~~ *The department may promulgate rules to administer*  
15 *the compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs and the compulsive*  
16 *gambling disorder educational programs.*

17       (c)(1) The commission shall provide an annual amount of at least three  
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for:

19              (A) Programs for the prevention of gambling disorders; and

20              (B) Educational programs for adults and adolescents that  
21 provide statewide ongoing public awareness of gambling disorders.

22              (2) The commission shall contract with the department to  
23 administer and provide services and educational programs related to the  
24 prevention of gambling disorders under this subsection.

25              (3) From the funding provided for under this section, the  
26 department may make grants available to:

27              (A)(i) Age-appropriate educational programs to public and  
28 private schools enrolling students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-  
29 12).

30              (ii) The funding provided for under this subsection  
31 is in addition to funding received by public and private schools enrolling  
32 students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) for educational programs  
33 to address alcohol, drug, and tobacco abuse; and

34              (B) Public entities and nonprofit private entities,  
35 including without limitation:

1                                    (i) A state affiliate of the National Council on  
2 Problem Gambling; and

3                                    (ii) Those that currently provide services in mental  
4 health and substance abuse treatment and prevention, to provide services  
5 related to the prevention and educational programs established under this  
6 subsection.

7                                    (d) The prevention, treatment, and educational programs funded under  
8 this section shall be provided free of charge to the public.

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10                                    /s/Madison

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12 Referred by the Arkansas Senate

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