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A Bill

SENATE BILL 757

5 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

14 TO PROVIDE FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE
15 PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT OF
16 PROBLEM GAMBLING DISORDERS AND COMPULSIVE
17 GAMBLING DISORDERS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(19)(F), concerning the
24 definition of "operating expenses" of the Arkansas Lottery Commission, is
25 amended to read as follows:

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

31 23-115-410. ~~Compulsive gambling~~ Gambling disorder prevention,
32 treatment, and educational programs.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (2) The commission shall contract with the Arkansas Council on
21 Problem Gambling upon its formation to administer and provide services and
22 educational programs related to the prevention of gambling disorders under
23 this subsection.

24 (3) From the funding provided for under this section, the
25 Arkansas Council on Problem Gambling may make grants available to:

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

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

33 (B) Public entities and nonprofit private entities,
34 including without limitation those that currently provide services in mental
35 health and substance abuse treatment and prevention, to provide services
36 related to the prevention and educational programs established under this

1 subsection.

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

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