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A Bill

SENATE BILL 757

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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 § 23-115-403(g), concerning unclaimed lottery
31 prize money, is amended to read as follows:

32 (g) Unclaimed lottery prize money shall be used to fund programs for
33 the prevention, education, and treatment of problem gambling disorder and
34 compulsive gambling disorder under § 23-115-410, with the remainder added to
35 net lottery proceeds.
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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-115-410 is amended to read as follows:
 2 23-115-410. ~~Compulsive gambling~~ Gambling disorder prevention,
 3 treatment, and educational programs.

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

6 (b) The Arkansas Lottery Commission shall provide an annual amount of
 7 ~~at least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)~~ three million dollars
 8 (\$3,000,000) for:

- 9 ~~(1) Compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs; and~~
- 10 ~~(2) Compulsive gambling disorder educational programs.~~

11 (1) Programs for the treatment and prevention of gambling
 12 disorders; and

13 (2) Educational programs for adults and adolescents that provide
 14 statewide ongoing public awareness of gambling disorders.

15 (c)(1) The prevention, treatment, and educational programs provided
 16 under this section shall be designed and implemented independent of the
 17 commission or the Arkansas State Lottery.

18 ~~(b)(1) The commission shall work together with the Department of Human~~
 19 ~~Services to implement the compulsive gambling disorder treatment programs and~~
 20 ~~the compulsive gambling disorder educational programs under this section.~~

21 (2) The commission ~~may~~ shall contract with the ~~department~~
 22 Department of Human Services for administering and providing all services
 23 related to and administration of the compulsive gambling disorder treatment
 24 programs and the compulsive gambling disorder educational treatment programs
 25 the prevention, treatment, and educational programs established under this
 26 section.

27 (d)(1) Funding for age-appropriate educational programs shall be made
 28 available to public and private schools enrolling students in kindergarten
 29 through grade twelve (K-12).

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

34 (e) The prevention, treatment, and educational programs funded under
 35 this section shall be provided free of charge to the public.

36 ~~(3)~~(f) The department may promulgate rules to:

1 ~~(1) administer the compulsive gambling disorder treatment~~
2 ~~programs and the compulsive gambling disorder educational programs~~ Administer
3 the prevention, treatment, and educational programs established under this
4 section; and

5 (2) Provide grants to public entities and nonprofit private
6 entities, including without limitation those that currently provide services
7 in mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention, to provide
8 services related to the prevention, treatment, and educational programs
9 established under this section.

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