

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3153

To direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2019

Ms. WEXTON (for herself, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. KILMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) research gaps currently exist in the preven-
9 tion and 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 The Director of the National Science Foundation, in
16 consultation with the Director of the National Institutes
17 of Health, shall support merit-reviewed and competitively
18 awarded research on the science of opioid addiction.

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