

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2354

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2019

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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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