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To authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to award formula grants to the States to address gambling addiction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 5), 2025

Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gambling Addiction
5 Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO ADDRESS GAMBLING ADDICTION.**

7 (a) SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERV-
8 ICES ADMINISTRATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for
2 Mental Health and Substance Use shall award
3 grants to the States to address gambling addiction
4 in amounts determined in accordance with para-
5 graph (2).

6 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—The Assist-
7 ant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use
8 shall—

9 (A) allocate the total amount of funds
10 awarded as grants under paragraph (1) among
11 the States for a fiscal year in the same ratios
12 as the Assistant Secretary allocates the total
13 amount of block grants for prevention and
14 treatment of substance abuse under subpart II
15 of part B of title XIX of the Public Health
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.) among
17 the States for such fiscal year; and

18 (B) if any State fails to apply for a grant
19 under this subsection for such fiscal year, re-
20 allocate the amount that would otherwise be
21 awarded to such State among the States that
22 do so apply in proportion to the amounts allo-
23 cated to such States under subparagraph (A).

24 (3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
25 “State” has the meaning given to that term in sec-

1 tion 1954 of the Public Health Service Act (42
2 U.S.C. 300x-64).

3 (b) NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE.—The
4 Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse may
5 award grants to support research on gambling addiction.

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services shall submit a report to the Congress on
9 the effectiveness of the programs and activities carried out
10 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b).

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years
13 2025 through 2034—

14 (1) to carry out subsection (a), the amount that
15 is 37.5 percent of the amount estimated by the Sec-
16 retary of the Treasury as being equal to the amount
17 of taxes received under section 4401(a)(1) of the In-
18 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 during the preceding
19 fiscal year; and

20 (2) to carry out subsection (b), the amount that
21 is 12.5 percent of such amount estimated by the
22 Secretary of the Treasury.

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