



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5478

February Session, 2002

AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATION ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH GAMBLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-818 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, the Connecticut Lottery
4 Corporation shall transfer the sum of eight hundred seventy-five
5 thousand dollars of the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets
6 to the chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account created
7 pursuant to section 17a-713, as amended by this act. For the fiscal
8 [year] years ending June 30, 2001, [and each fiscal year thereafter,] and
9 June 30, 2002, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall transfer the
10 sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars of the revenue
11 received from the sale of lottery tickets to the chronic gamblers
12 treatment and rehabilitation account created pursuant to section 17a-
13 713, as amended by this act. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,
14 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation
15 shall transfer the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars of
16 the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets to the chronic
17 gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account created pursuant to
18 section 17a-713, as amended by this act.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17a-713 of the general statutes is

20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
21 *1, 2002*):

22 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
23 establish a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive
24 gamblers in the state. The program shall provide prevention, treatment
25 and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. The department may
26 enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils
27 and nonprofit organizations to assist in providing these services,
28 provided not less than twenty-five per cent of the amount received
29 pursuant to section 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be
30 set aside for contracts with subregional planning and action councils
31 established pursuant to section 17a-671 and nonprofit organizations
32 and not less than five per cent of the amount received pursuant to
33 section 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be set aside for a
34 contract with the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling. Two
35 hundred thousand dollars of the amount received pursuant to section
36 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be set aside for grants to
37 local and regional boards of education for education programs on the
38 problems associated with gambling pursuant to section 3 of this act.
39 The department may impose a reasonable fee, on a sliding scale, on
40 those participants who can afford to pay for any such services. The
41 department shall implement such program when the account
42 established under subsection (b) of this section is sufficient to meet
43 initial operating expenses. As used in this section "chronic gambler"
44 means a person who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with
45 gambling and the urge to gamble, and with gambling behavior that
46 compromises, disrupts or damages personal, family or vocational
47 pursuits.

48 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Department of Mental
49 Health and Addiction Services shall provide competitive grants to
50 local and regional boards of education for education programs in the
51 public schools on the problems associated with gambling. Local and
52 regional boards of education may apply for such grants at such time
53 and in such manner as the Commissioner of Mental Health and

54 Addiction Services prescribes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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