

# SB-38

Increase and promote funding and research for Rett Syndrome.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Weaver of Illinois introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

Increase and promote funding and research for Rett Syndrome.

*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Funding Rett Syndrome".

### SECTION 2. INCREASE FEDERAL SPENDING FOR RETT SYNDROME RESEARCH IN BOYS

Rett Syndrome, a condition found primarily in girls, is a genetic neurological disorder that affects brain development. In boys the condition is much more severe and can cause devastating symptoms. Promoting the research and funding of Rett syndrome can help people with this condition live longer and more fulfilling lives. The following can be done:

- (1) Increase federal funding for the research of Rett syndrome.
- (2) Have the National Institutes of Health (NIH) create grant and program opportunities that promotes

colleges researching Rett syndrome.

(A) This program can help colleges and researchers repay loans with help from NIH.

(B) Research and loans can come from the \$45 billion budget from NIH.

(3) Increase funding for the National Genetics Education and Family Support Program.

(A) This program helps increase genetic services for families in need. The program allows all citizens to apply and it helps families learn how to support each other, take care of their child with the genetic disorder, and provide them with general assistance along the way.

(B) Gives families an easier and more affordable way to get the treatments that they need.

(4) Create special tax cuts to help families in financial troubles pay for the treatments and services they need.

### **SECTION 3. ALLOCATION OF FUNDING**

(1) This bill will allocate \$20,000,000 to NIH to research RETT Syndrome.