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RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-3
TEXT OF H.R. 1620, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2021

[Showing the text of H.R. 1620, as introduced.]

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

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- Sec. 1501. Local law enforcement grants for enforcement of cybercrimes.
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- Sec. 1604. Definition of covered formula grant.
- Sec. 1605. Increased funding for formula grants authorized.
- Sec. 1606. Application.
- Sec. 1607. Rule of construction.
- Sec. 1608. Grant term.
- Sec. 1609. Uses of funds.
- Sec. 1610. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL DEFINITIONS AND GRANT CONDITIONS.**

2 Section 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act
3 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “In this title” and insert-
6 ing “In this title, and for the purpose of all
7 grants authorized under this title”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (5) and insert-
9 ing the following new paragraph:

10 “(5) COURT-BASED AND COURT-RELATED PER-
11 SONNEL.—The terms ‘court-based personnel’ and
12 ‘court-related personnel’ mean persons working in
13 the court, whether paid or volunteer, including—

14 “(A) clerks, special masters, domestic rela-
15 tions officers, administrators, mediators, cus-

1 today evaluators, guardians ad litem, lawyers,
2 negotiators, probation, parole, interpreters, vic-
3 tim assistants, victim advocates, and judicial,
4 administrative, or any other professionals or
5 personnel similarly involved in the legal process;

6 “(B) court security personnel;

7 “(C) personnel working in related, supple-
8 mentary offices or programs (such as child sup-
9 port enforcement); and

10 “(D) any other court-based or community-
11 based personnel having responsibilities or au-
12 thority to address domestic violence, dating vio-
13 lence, sexual assault, or stalking in the court
14 system.”;

15 (C) by striking paragraph (8) and insert-
16 ing the following new paragraph:

17 “(8) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-
18 tic violence’ means a pattern of behavior involving
19 the use or attempted use of physical, sexual, verbal,
20 psychological, economic, or technological abuse or
21 any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or
22 solicited to gain or maintain power and control over
23 a victim, by a person who—

1 “(A) is a current or former spouse or dat-
2 ing partner of the victim, or other person simi-
3 larly situated to a spouse of the victim;

4 “(B) is cohabitating with or has
5 cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or dat-
6 ing partner;

7 “(C) shares a child in common with the
8 victim;

9 “(D) is an adult family member of, or paid
10 or nonpaid caregiver in an ongoing relationship
11 of trust with, a victim aged 50 or older or an
12 adult victim with disabilities; or

13 “(E) commits acts against a youth or adult
14 victim who is protected from those acts under
15 the family or domestic violence laws of the ju-
16 risdiction.”;

17 (D) in paragraph (9)—

18 (i) by striking “consideration of” and
19 inserting “consideration of one or more of
20 the following factors”;

21 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
22 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

23 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
24 the period at the end and inserting “; or”;
25 and

1 (iv) by inserting the following new
2 subparagraph:

3 “(D) the cultural context of the relation-
4 ship.”;

5 (E) in the matter following paragraph (9),
6 by inserting the following:

7 “Sexual contact is not a necessary component of
8 such a relationship.”;

9 (F) in paragraph (10)—

10 (i) by striking “person—” and insert-
11 ing “dating partner.”; and

12 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
13 (B).

14 (G) by striking paragraphs (11) and (12);

15 (H) by striking paragraph (19) and insert-
16 ing the following new paragraph:

17 “(19) LEGAL ASSISTANCE.—

18 “(A) The term ‘legal assistance’ means as-
19 sistance provided by or under the direct super-
20 vision of a person described in subparagraph
21 (B) to a person described in subparagraph (C)
22 relating to a matter described in subparagraph
23 (D).

24 “(B) A person described in this subpara-
25 graph is—

1 “(i) a licensed attorney;

2 “(ii) in the case of an immigration
3 proceeding, a Board of Immigration Ap-
4 peals accredited representative; or

5 “(iii) any person who functions as an
6 attorney or lay advocate in a Tribal court;
7 and

8 “(C) A person described in this subpara-
9 graph is an adult or youth victim of domestic
10 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
11 stalking.

12 “(D) A matter described in this subpara-
13 graph is a matter related to—

14 “(i) divorce, parental rights, child
15 support, Tribal, territorial, immigration,
16 employment, administrative agency, hous-
17 ing, campus, education, healthcare, pri-
18 vacy, contract, consumer, civil rights, pro-
19 tection or order or other injunctive pro-
20 ceedings, related enforcement proceedings,
21 and other similar matters;

22 “(ii) criminal justice investigations,
23 prosecutions and post-conviction matters
24 (including sentencing, parole, probation,
25 and vacatur or expungement) that impact

1 the victim’s safety, privacy, or other inter-
2 ests as a victim; or

3 “(iii) alternative dispute resolution,
4 restorative practices, or other processes in-
5 tended to promote victim safety, privacy,
6 and autonomy, and offender accountability,
7 regardless of court involvement.

8 For purposes of this paragraph, intake or refer-
9 ral, by itself, does not constitute legal assist-
10 ance.”;

11 (I) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraphs:

13 “(46) ABUSE IN LATER LIFE.—The term ‘abuse
14 in later life’—

15 “(A) means—

16 “(i) neglect, abandonment, economic
17 abuse, or willful harm of an adult over the
18 age of 50 by an individuals in an ongoing
19 relationship of trust with the victim; or

20 “(ii) domestic violence, dating vio-
21 lence, sexual assault, or stalking of an
22 adult over the age of 50 by any individual;
23 and

24 “(B) does not include self-neglect.

1 “(47) RESTORATIVE PRACTICE.—The term ‘re-
2 storative practice’ means a process, whether court-
3 referred or community-based, that—

4 “(A) involves, on a voluntary basis, and to
5 the extent possible, those who have committed
6 a specific offense and those who have been
7 harmed as a result of the offense, as well as af-
8 fected community;

9 “(B) has the goal of collectively seeking ac-
10 countability from the accused, and developing a
11 process whereby the accused will take responsi-
12 bility for his or her actions, and a plan for pro-
13 viding relief to those harmed, through allocu-
14 tion, restitution, community service or other
15 processes upon which the victim, the accused,
16 the community, and the court (if court-referred)
17 can agree;

18 “(C) is conducted in a framework that pro-
19 tects victim safety and supports victim auton-
20 omy; and

21 “(D) provides that information disclosed
22 during such process may not be used for any
23 other law enforcement purpose, including im-
24 peachment or prosecution, without the express
25 permission of all participants.

1 “(48) **DIGITAL SERVICES.**—The term ‘digital
2 services’ means services, resources, information, sup-
3 port or referrals provided through electronic commu-
4 nications platforms and media, whether via mobile
5 device technology, video technology, or computer
6 technology, including utilizing the internet, as well
7 as any other emerging communications technologies
8 that are appropriate for the purposes of providing
9 services, resources, information, support, or referrals
10 for the benefit of victims of domestic violence, dating
11 violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

12 “(42) **ECONOMIC ABUSE.**—The term ‘economic
13 abuse’, in the context of domestic violence, dating vi-
14 olence, and abuse in later life, means behavior that
15 is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls or re-
16 strains a person’s ability to acquire, use, or maintain
17 economic resources to which they are entitled, in-
18 cluding using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to—

19 “(A) restrict a person’s access to money,
20 assets, credit, or financial information;

21 “(B) unfairly use a person’s personal eco-
22 nomic resources, including money, assets, and
23 credit, for one’s own advantage; or

24 “(C) exert undue influence over a person’s
25 financial and economic behavior or decisions,

1 including forcing default on joint or other fi-
2 nancial obligations, exploiting powers of attor-
3 ney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing
4 or neglecting to act in the best interests of a
5 person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.

6 “(49) INTERNET ENABLED DEVICE.—The term
7 ‘internet enabled device’ means devices that have a
8 connection the Internet, send and receive informa-
9 tion and data, and maybe accessed via mobile device
10 technology, video technology, or computer tech-
11 nology, away from the location where the device is
12 installed, and may include home automation sys-
13 tems, door locks, and thermostats.

14 “(50) TECHNOLOGICAL ABUSE.—The term
15 ‘technological abuse’ means an act or pattern of be-
16 havior that occurs within domestic violence, sexual
17 assault, dating violence or stalking and is intended
18 to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass,
19 impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as
20 otherwise permitted by law, another person, that oc-
21 curs using any form of technology, including: inter-
22 net enabled devices, online spaces and platforms,
23 computers, mobile devices, cameras and imaging
24 platforms, apps, location tracking devices, commu-

1 nication technologies, or any other emerging tech-
2 nologies.

3 “(51) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.—The
4 terms ‘female genital mutilation’, ‘female genital
5 cutting’, ‘FGM/C’, or ‘female circumcision’ means
6 the intentional removal or infibulation (or both) of
7 either the whole or part of the external female geni-
8 talia for non-medical reasons. External female geni-
9 talia includes the pubis, labia minora, labia majora,
10 clitoris, and urethral and vaginal openings.

11 “(52) ELDER ABUSE.—The term ‘elder abuse’
12 has the meaning given that term in section 2 of the
13 Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act. The
14 terms ‘abuse,’ ‘elder,’ and ‘exploitation’ have the
15 meanings given those terms in section 2011 of the
16 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j).

17 “(53) FORCED MARRIAGE.—The term ‘forced
18 marriage’ means a marriage to which one or both
19 parties do not or cannot consent, and in which one
20 or more elements of force, fraud, or coercion is
21 present. Forced marriage can be both a cause and
22 a consequence of domestic violence, dating violence,
23 sexual assault or stalking.

24 “(54) HOMELESS.—The term ‘homeless’ has
25 the meaning given such term in section 41403(6).”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by
3 inserting “For the purpose of all grants author-
4 ized under this title.”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting after
6 subparagraph (G) the following:

7 “(H) DEATH OF THE PARTY WHOSE PRI-
8 VACY HAD BEEN PROTECTED.—In the event of
9 the death of any victim whose confidentiality
10 and privacy is required to be protected under
11 this subsection, such requirement shall continue
12 to apply, and the right to authorize release of
13 any confidential or protected information be
14 vested in the next of kin, except that consent
15 for release of the deceased victim’s information
16 may not be given by a person who had per-
17 petrated abuse against the deceased victim.

18 “(I) USE OF TECHNOLOGY.—Grantees and
19 subgrantees may use telephone, internet, and
20 other technologies to protect the privacy, loca-
21 tion and help-seeking activities of victims using
22 services. Such technologies may include—

23 “(i) software, apps or hardware that
24 block caller ID or conceal IP addresses, in-

1 cluding instances in which victims use dig-
2 ital services; or

3 “(ii) technologies or protocols that in-
4 hibit or prevent a perpetrator’s attempts to
5 use technology or social media to threaten,
6 harass or harm the victim, the victim’s
7 family, friends, neighbors or co-workers, or
8 the program providing services to them.”;

9 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after
10 “designed to reduce or eliminate domestic vio-
11 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
12 ing” the following: “, provided that the con-
13 fidentiality and privacy requirements of this
14 title are maintained, and that personally identi-
15 fying information about adult, youth, and child
16 victims of domestic violence, dating violence,
17 sexual assault and stalking is not requested or
18 included in any such collaboration or informa-
19 tion-sharing”;

20 (D) in paragraph (6), by adding at the end
21 the following: “Such disbursing agencies must
22 ensure that the confidentiality and privacy re-
23 quirements of this title are maintained in mak-
24 ing such reports, and that personally identifying
25 information about adult, youth and child vic-

1 tims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
2 ual assault and stalking is not requested or in-
3 cluded in any such reports.”;

4 (E) in paragraph (8), by striking “under
5 this title” and inserting “under this title. In
6 this title, including for the purpose of grants
7 authorized under this title, the term ‘violent
8 crimes against women’ includes violent crimes
9 against a person of any gender.”;

10 (F) in paragraph (11), by adding at the
11 end the following: “The Office on Violence
12 Against Women shall make all technical assist-
13 ance available as broadly as possible to any ap-
14 propriate grantees, subgrantees, potential
15 grantees, or other entities without regard to
16 whether the entity has received funding from
17 the Office on Violence Against Women for a
18 particular program or project.”;

19 (G) in paragraph (13)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
21 after “the Violence Against Women Reau-
22 thorization Act of 2013” the following:
23 “(Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54)”;

24 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
25 “section 3789d of title 42, United States

1 Code” and inserting “section 809 of title I
2 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10228)”;

4 (H) in paragraph (14), by inserting after
5 “are also victims of” the following: “forced
6 marriage, or”;

7 (I) by striking paragraph (15); and

8 (J) in paragraph (16)—

9 (i) by striking paragraph (A)(iii) and
10 inserting the following new clause:

11 “(iii) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—A re-
12 cipient of grant funds under this Act that
13 is found to have an unresolved audit find-
14 ing shall be eligible to receive prompt, indi-
15 vidualized technical assistance to resolve
16 the audit finding and to prevent future
17 findings, for a period not to exceed the fol-
18 lowing 2 fiscal years.”; and

19 (ii) in paragraph (C)(i)—

20 (I) by striking “\$20,000” and in-
21 serting “\$100,000”; and

22 (II) by striking “unless the Dep-
23 uty Attorney General or” and insert-
24 ing “unless the Director or Principal
25 Deputy Director of the Office on Vio-

1 lence Against Women, the Deputy At-
2 torney General, or”.

3 **SEC. 3. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT COORDINATION.**

4 The heads of Executive Departments responsible for
5 carrying out this Act are authorized to coordinate and col-
6 laborate on the prevention of domestic violence, dating vio-
7 lence, sexual assault, and stalking, including sharing best
8 practices and efficient use of resources and technology for
9 victims and those seeking assistance from the Govern-
10 ment.

11 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
13 (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
14 not take effect until October 1 of the first fiscal year be-
15 ginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Sections
17 106, 107, 205, 304, 606, 702, 801, 802, 903, and 1406
18 and any amendments made by such sections shall take ef-
19 fect on the date of enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 5. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

21 Any funds appropriated pursuant to an authorization
22 of appropriations under this Act or an amendment made
23 by this Act shall remain available until expended.

1 **TITLE I—ENHANCING LEGAL**
2 **TOOLS TO COMBAT DOMES-**
3 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIO-**
4 **LENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT,**
5 **AND STALKING**

6 **SEC. 101. STOP GRANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part T of title I of the Omnibus
8 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
9 10441 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 2001(b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (3), by inserting before
12 the semicolon at the end the following: “includ-
13 ing implementation of the non-discrimination
14 requirements in section 40002(b)(13) of the Vi-
15 olence Against Women Act of 1994”;

16 (B) in paragraph (5), by inserting “and
17 legal assistance” after “improving delivery of
18 victim services”;

19 (C) in paragraph (9)—

20 (i) by striking “older and disabled
21 women” and inserting “people 50 years of
22 age or over, people with disabilities, and
23 Deaf people”; and

24 (ii) inserting “legal assistance,” after
25 “counseling,”; and

1 (iii) by striking “older and disabled
2 individuals” and inserting “people”;

3 (D) in paragraph (11), by inserting before
4 the semicolon at the end the following: “, in-
5 cluding rehabilitative work with offenders, re-
6 storative practices, and similar initiatives”;

7 (E) in paragraph (19), by striking “and”
8 at the end;

9 (F) in paragraph (20), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (G) by inserting after paragraph (20), the
12 following:

13 “(21) developing and implementing laws, poli-
14 cies, procedures, or training to ensure the lawful re-
15 covery and storage of any dangerous weapon by the
16 appropriate law enforcement agency from an adju-
17 dicated perpetrator of any offense of domestic vio-
18 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking,
19 and the return of such weapon when appropriate,
20 where any Federal, State, Tribal, or local court
21 has—

22 “(A)(i) issued protective or other restrain-
23 ing orders against such a perpetrator; or

24 “(ii) found such a perpetrator to be guilty
25 of misdemeanor or felony crimes of domestic vi-

1 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
2 ing; and

3 “(B) ordered the perpetrator to relinquish
4 dangerous weapons that the perpetrator pos-
5 sesses or has used in the commission of at least
6 one of the aforementioned crimes;

7 Policies, procedures, protocols, laws, regulations, or
8 training under this section shall include the safest
9 means of recovery of, and best practices for storage
10 of, relinquished and recovered dangerous weapons
11 and their return, when applicable, at such time as
12 the individual is no longer prohibited from pos-
13 sessing such weapons under Federal, State, or Trib-
14 al law, or posted local ordinances;

15 “(22) developing, enlarging, or strengthening
16 culturally specific victim services programs to pro-
17 vide culturally specific victim services regarding, re-
18 sponses to, and prevention of female genital mutila-
19 tion, female genital cutting, or female circumcision;
20 and

21 “(23) providing victim advocates in State or
22 local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors’ offices,
23 and courts and providing supportive services and ad-
24 vocacy to urban American Indian and Alaska Native

1 victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
2 assault, and stalking.”;

3 (2) in section 2007—

4 (A) in subsection (d)—

5 (i) by redesignating paragraphs (5)
6 and (6) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respec-
7 tively; and

8 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (4)
9 the following:

10 “(5) proof of compliance with the requirements
11 regarding training and best practices for victim-cen-
12 tered prosecution, described in section 2017;

13 “(6) proof of compliance with the requirements
14 regarding civil rights under section 40002(b)(13) of
15 the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement
16 Act of 1994;”;

17 (B) in subsection (i)—

18 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting be-
19 fore the semicolon at the end the following:

20 “and the requirements under section
21 40002(b) of the Violent Crime Control and
22 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
23 12291(b))”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (2)(C)(iv), by insert-
2 ing after “ethnicity,” the following: “sexual
3 orientation, gender identity,”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(k) REVIEWS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NON-
6 DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If allegations of discrimina-
8 tion in violation of section 40002(b)(13)(A) of the
9 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
10 12291(b)(13)(A)) by a potential grantee under this
11 part have been made to the Attorney General, the
12 Attorney General shall, prior to awarding a grant
13 under this part to such potential grantee, conduct a
14 review and take steps to ensure the compliance of
15 the potential grantee with such section.

16 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF RULE.—Not later
17 than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Vio-
18 lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021,
19 the Attorney General shall by rule establish proce-
20 dures for such a review.

21 “(3) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Beginning on the
22 date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of
23 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
24 2021, and once every 2 years thereafter, the Attor-
25 ney General shall report to the Committees on the

1 Judiciary of the Senate and of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives regarding compliance with section
3 40002(b)(13)(A) of the Violence Against Women Act
4 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(A)) by recipients
5 of grants under this part, including a report on the
6 number of complaints filed and the resolution of
7 those complaints.”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 2017. GRANT ELIGIBILITY REGARDING COMPELLING**
10 **VICTIM TESTIMONY.**

11 “*In order for a prosecutor’s office to be eligible to*
12 *receive funds under this part, the head of the office shall*
13 *certify to the State, Indian Tribal government, or terri-*
14 *torial government receiving a grant under this part, and*
15 *from which the office will receive funds, that the office*
16 *implemented and trained its personnel on best practices*
17 *regarding victim-centered approaches in domestic violence,*
18 *sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases, includ-*
19 *ing policies addressing the use of bench warrants, body*
20 *attachments, and material witness warrants for victims*
21 *who fail to appear. The best practices shall be developed*
22 *by experts in the fields of domestic violence, sexual as-*
23 *sault, dating violence, stalking, and prosecution.”.*

24 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
25 1001(a)(18) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe

1 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(18)) is amended
2 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2022
3 through 2026”.

4 **SEC. 102. GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND**
5 **ALTERNATIVES TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
6 **RESPONSE.**

7 (a) **HEADING.**—Part U of title I of the Omnibus
8 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
9 10461 et seq.) is amended in the heading, by striking
10 **“GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES”** and in-
11 serting **“GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS**
12 **AND ALTERNATIVES TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RE-**
13 **SPONSE”**.

14 (b) **GRANTS.**—Section 2101 of the Omnibus Crime
15 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461)
16 is amended—

17 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this part is to assist
20 States, Indian Tribal governments, State and local courts
21 (including juvenile courts), Tribal courts, and units of
22 local government to improve the criminal justice response
23 to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
24 stalking, and to seek safety and autonomy for victims.”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
2 “proarrest” and inserting “offender account-
3 ability and homicide reduction”;

4 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “legal
5 advocacy service programs” and inserting “legal
6 advocacy and legal assistance programs”;

7 (C) in paragraph (7), strike “and tribal ju-
8 risdictions” and insert “tribal jurisdictions, coa-
9 litions, and victim service providers”;

10 (D) in paragraph (8)—

11 (i) by striking “older individuals (as
12 defined in section 102 of the Older Ameri-
13 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002))” and
14 inserting “people 50 years of age or over”;
15 and

16 (ii) by striking “individuals with dis-
17 abilities (as defined in section 3(2) of the
18 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
19 (42 U.S.C. 12102(2))” and inserting
20 “people with disabilities (as defined in the
21 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
22 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) and Deaf people”;

23 (E) in paragraph (19), by inserting before
24 the period at the end the following “, including
25 victims among underserved populations (as de-

1 fined in section 40002(a)(46) of the Violence
2 Against Women Act of 1994”); and

3 (F) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(25) To develop and implement restorative
5 practices (as such term is defined in section
6 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
7 1994).

8 “(26) To develop and implement laws, policies,
9 procedures, and training—

10 “(A) for the purpose of homicide preven-
11 tion, preventing lethal assaults, and responding
12 to threats of lethal assaults through effective
13 enforcement of court orders prohibiting posses-
14 sion of and mandating the recovery of firearms
15 from adjudicated domestic violence, dating vio-
16 lence, sexual assault or stalking offenders; and

17 “(B) to address victim safety, safe storage
18 of contraband during the pendency of the court
19 order and, where appropriate, safe return of
20 such contraband at the conclusion of the court
21 order.

22 “(27) To develop and implement alternative
23 methods of reducing crime in communities, to sup-
24 plant punitive programs or policies. For purposes of

1 this paragraph, a punitive program or policy is a
2 program or policy that—

3 “(A) imposes a penalty described in section
4 41415(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women
5 Act of 1994 on a victim of domestic violence,
6 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, on
7 the basis of a request by the victim for law en-
8 forcement or emergency assistance; or

9 “(B) imposes a penalty described in sec-
10 tion 41415(b)(2) of the Violence Against
11 Women Act of 1994 on a landlord, homeowner,
12 tenant, resident, occupant, or guest on such a
13 victim because of criminal activity at the prop-
14 erty in which the victim resides, including do-
15 mestic violence dating violence, sexual assault,
16 and stalking, where the landlord, homeowner,
17 tenant, resident, occupant, or guest was a vic-
18 tim of such criminal activity.”;

19 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

21 (i) in clause (i), by striking “encour-
22 age or mandate arrests of domestic vio-
23 lence offenders” and inserting “encourage
24 arrests of offenders”; and

1 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “encour-
2 age or mandate arrest of domestic violence
3 offenders” and inserting “encourage arrest
4 of offenders”; and

5 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
6 the following:

7 “(F) certify that, not later than 3 years
8 after the date of the enactment of this subpara-
9 graph, that the grantee has implemented and
10 trained its personnel on best practices, which
11 have been developed by experts in the fields of
12 domestic violence, sexual assault, dating vio-
13 lence, and prosecution, regarding victim-cen-
14 tered approaches in domestic violence, sexual
15 assault, dating violence, and stalking cases, in-
16 cluding policies addressing the use of bench
17 warrants, body attachments, and material wit-
18 ness warrants for victims who fail to appear;
19 and”; and

20 (4) insert after subsection (g) the following:

21 “(h) ALLOCATION FOR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERV-
22 ICES.—Of the amounts appropriated for purposes of this
23 part for each fiscal year, not less than 5 percent shall be
24 available for grants to culturally specific victim service
25 providers.”.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
2 1001(a)(19) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(19)) is amended
4 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2022
5 through 2026”.

6 **SEC. 103. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of division B of the
8 Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of
9 2000 (34 U.S.C. 20121) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting after “no cost
11 to the victims.” the following: “When legal assist-
12 ance to a dependent is necessary for the safety of a
13 victim, such assistance may be provided.”;

14 (2) in subsection (d)—

15 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
16 follows:

17 “(1) any person providing legal assistance
18 through a program funded under this section—

19 “(A)(i) is a licensed attorney or is working
20 under the direct supervision of a licensed attor-
21 ney;

22 “(ii) in immigration proceedings, is a
23 Board of Immigration Appeals accredited rep-
24 resentative; or

1 “(iii) is any person who functions as an at-
2 torney or lay advocate in tribal court; and

3 “(B)(i) has demonstrated expertise in pro-
4 viding legal assistance to victims of domestic vi-
5 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
6 ing in the targeted population; or

7 “(ii)(I) is partnered with an entity or per-
8 son that has demonstrated expertise described
9 in clause (i); and

10 “(II) has completed, or will complete,
11 training in connection with domestic violence,
12 dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and
13 related legal issues, including training on evi-
14 dence-based risk factors for domestic and dat-
15 ing violence homicide;”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2), strike “or stalking”
17 and insert “, stalking, or culturally specific”;

18 (C) in paragraph (4), after “dating vio-
19 lence,” insert “stalking;” and
20 (3) in subsection (f)(1)—

21 (A) by striking “\$57,000,000” and insert-
22 ing “\$75,000,000”; and

23 (B) by striking “2014 through 2018” and
24 inserting “2022 through 2026”.

1 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
3 of the United States shall submit to Congress a report
4 on the return on investment for legal assistance grants
5 awarded pursuant to section 1201 of division B of the Vie-
6 tims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000
7 (34 U.S.C. 20121), including an accounting of the amount
8 saved, if any, on housing, medical, or employment social
9 welfare programs.

10 **SEC. 104. GRANTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THE JUSTICE**
11 **SYSTEM.**

12 Section 1301 of division B of the Victims of Traf-
13 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.
14 12464) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) in paragraph (3)—

17 (i) by striking “educate” and insert-
18 ing “(A) educate”;

19 (ii) by inserting “and” after the semi-
20 colon at the end; and

21 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(B) establish community-based initiatives
24 within the court system (such as court watch
25 programs, victim assistants, pro se victim as-

1 sistance programs, or community-based supple-
2 mentary services);”.

3 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at
4 the end;

5 (C) in paragraph (8)—

6 (i) by striking “to improve” and in-
7 serting “improve”; and

8 (ii) by striking the period at the end
9 and inserting “; and”; and

10 (D) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
11 following:

12 “(9) develop and implement restorative prac-
13 tices (as such term is defined in section 40002(a) of
14 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994).”; and

15 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2014 through
16 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

17 **SEC. 105. OUTREACH AND SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED**
18 **POPULATIONS GRANTS.**

19 Section 120 of the Violence Against Women and De-
20 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34
21 U.S.C. 20123) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
23 following:

24 “(3) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this grant pro-
25 gram is to ensure that all underserved populations

1 (as such term is defined in section 40002 of the Vio-
2 lent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of
3 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)) are given non-exclu-
4 sionary consideration in each grant cycle. Periodic
5 priority may be placed on certain underserved popu-
6 lations and forms of violence to meet identified
7 needs and must be accompanied by a non-priority
8 option.”;

9 (2) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “or” at
11 the end;

12 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(6) developing, enlarging, or strengthening
16 culturally specific programs and projects to provide
17 culturally specific services regarding, responses to,
18 and prevention of female genital mutilation, female
19 genital cutting, or female circumcision; or

20 “(7) strengthening the appropriate responsive-
21 ness of social and human services by providing popu-
22 lation-specific training for service providers on do-
23 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
24 stalking in underserved populations.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through
2 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

3 **SEC. 106. CRIMINAL PROVISIONS.**

4 Section 2265 of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)(3)—

7 (A) by striking “restraining order or in-
8 junction,”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “The prohibition under this paragraph applies
11 to all protection orders for the protection of a
12 person residing within a State, territorial, or
13 Tribal jurisdiction, whether or not the protec-
14 tion order was issued by that State, territory,
15 or Tribe.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
17 following: “This applies to all Alaska Tribes without
18 respect to ‘Indian country’ or the population of the
19 Native village associated with the Tribe.”.

20 **SEC. 107. RAPE SURVIVOR CHILD CUSTODY.**

21 Section 409 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking
22 Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. 21308) is amended by striking
23 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2022 through
24 2026”.

1 **SEC. 108. ENHANCING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES**
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DAT-**
3 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND**
4 **STALKING.**

5 Section 121 of the Violence Against Women and De-
6 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34
7 U.S.C. 20124) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “shall
10 take 5 percent of such appropriated amounts”
11 and inserting “shall take 10 percent of such ap-
12 propriated amounts for the program under sub-
13 section (a)(2)(A) and 5 percent of such appro-
14 priated amounts for the programs under sub-
15 section (a)(2)(B) through (E)”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(3) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-**
18 **PRIATIONS.**—In addition to the amounts made avail-
19 able under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be
20 appropriated to carry out this section \$40,000,000
21 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

22 “(4) **DISTRIBUTION.**—Of the total amount
23 available for grants under this section, not less than
24 40 percent of such funds shall be allocated for pro-
25 grams or projects that meaningfully address non-in-
26 timate partner relationship sexual assault.”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by adding at the end
2 the following: “At least one such organization shall
3 have demonstrated expertise primarily in domestic
4 violence services, and at least one such organization
5 shall have demonstrated expertise primarily in non-
6 intimate partner sexual assault services.”; and

7 (3) in subsection (e)—

8 (A) by striking “2-year” and inserting “3-
9 year”; and

10 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting “3
11 years”.

12 **SEC. 109. GRANTS FOR LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PRO-**
13 **GRAMS.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General may make
15 grants to States, units of local government, Indian Tribes,
16 domestic violence victim service providers, and State or
17 Tribal Domestic Violence Coalitions for technical assist-
18 ance and training in the operation or establishment of a
19 lethality assessment program.

20 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “lethality
21 assessment program” means a program that—

22 (1) rapidly connects a victim of domestic vio-
23 lence to local community-based victim service pro-
24 viders;

1 (2) helps first responders and others in the jus-
2 tice system, including courts, law enforcement agen-
3 cies, and prosecutors of Tribal government and units
4 of local government, identify and respond to possibly
5 lethal circumstances; and

6 (3) identifies victims of domestic violence who
7 are at high risk of being seriously injured or killed
8 by an intimate partner.

9 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
10 under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate experi-
11 ence in developing, implementing, evaluating, and dissemi-
12 nating a lethality assessment program.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out
15 this section for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in this section have
17 the meanings given such terms in section 40002 of the
18 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).

19 **TITLE II—IMPROVING SERVICES** 20 **FOR VICTIMS**

21 **SEC. 201. SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

22 Section 41601 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
23 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511) is amend-
24 ed—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “0.25 per-
2 cent” and inserting “0.5 percent”; and

3 (2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “2014
4 through 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

5 **SEC. 202. SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

6 Section 41601(f)(1) of the Violent Crime Control and
7 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511(f)(1))
8 is amended by striking “\$40,000,000 to remain available
9 until expended for each of fiscal years 2014 through
10 2018” and inserting “\$60,000,000 to remain available
11 until expended for each of fiscal years 2022 through
12 2026”.

13 **SEC. 203. RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
14 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND CHILD**
15 **ABUSE ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PRO-**
16 **GRAM.**

17 Section 40295 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
18 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12341) is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “women”
21 and inserting “adults, youth,”; and

22 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “2014
23 through 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

1 **SEC. 204. GRANTS FO TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VI-**
2 **OLENCE AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABIL-**
3 **ITIES AND DEAF PEOPLE.**

4 Section 1402 of division B of the Victims of Traf-
5 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.
6 20122) is amended—

7 (1) in the heading—

8 (A) by striking “**WOMEN**” and inserting
9 “**PEOPLE**”; and

10 (B) by inserting after “**DISABILITIES**”
11 the following: “**AND DEAF PEOPLE**”;

12 (2) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) by striking “individuals” each place it
14 appears and inserting “people”; and

15 (B) by inserting after “with disabilities (as
16 defined in section 3 of the Americans with Dis-
17 abilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102))” the
18 following: “and Deaf people”.

19 (3) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) by striking “disabled individuals” each
21 place it appears and inserting “people with dis-
22 abilities and Deaf people”;

23 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting after
24 “law enforcement” the following: “and other
25 first responders”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (8), by striking “pro-
2 viding advocacy and intervention services with-
3 in” and inserting “to enhance the capacity of”;

4 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “disabled indi-
5 viduals” and inserting “people with disabilities and
6 Deaf people”; and

7 (5) in subsection (e), by striking “2014 through
8 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

9 **SEC. 205. TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END ABUSE IN**
10 **LATER LIFE.**

11 Section 40801 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
12 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12421)—

13 (1) in the heading, by striking “**ENHANCED**
14 **TRAINING**” and inserting “**TRAINING**”;

15 (2) by striking subsection “(a) DEFINITIONS.—
16 In this section—” and all that follows through para-
17 graph (1) of subsection (b) and inserting the fol-
18 lowing: “The Attorney General shall make grants to
19 eligible entities in accordance with the following.”;

20 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
21 (5) of subsection (b) as paragraphs (1) through (4);

22 (4) in paragraph (1) (as redesignated by para-
23 graph (3) of this subsection)—

1 (A) by striking “, including domestic vio-
2 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking,
3 exploitation, and neglect” each place it appears;

4 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) in clause (i), by striking “elder
6 abuse” and inserting the following: “abuse
7 in later life”; and

8 (ii) in clause (iv), by striking “advo-
9 cates, victim service providers, and courts
10 to better serve victims of abuse in later
11 life” and inserting “leaders, victim advo-
12 cates, victim service providers, courts, and
13 first responders to better serve older vic-
14 tims”;

15 (C) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “or
16 other community-based organizations in recog-
17 nizing and addressing instances of abuse in
18 later life” and inserting “community-based or-
19 ganizations, or other professionals who may
20 identify or respond to abuse in later life”; and

21 (D) in subparagraph (D), by striking “sub-
22 subparagraph (B)(ii)” and inserting “paragraph
23 (2)(B)”;

24 (5) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by para-
25 graph (3))—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (i) in clause (iv), by striking “with
3 demonstrated experience in assisting indi-
4 viduals over 50 years of age”; and

5 (ii) in clause (v), by striking “with
6 demonstrated experience in addressing do-
7 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
8 sault, and stalking”; and

9 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

10 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
11 by striking “at a minimum” and inserting
12 “at least two of”;

13 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “and”
14 at the end, and inserting “or”; and

15 (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “in
16 later life;” and inserting “50 years of age
17 or over.”; and

18 (6) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-
19 graph (3)), by striking “2014 through 2018” and
20 inserting “2022 through 2026”.

21 **SEC. 206. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-IN-**
22 **FORMED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

23 Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-
24 forcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended
25 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“Subtitle Q—Trauma-informed**
2 **Training for Law Enforcement**

3 **“SEC. 41701. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-IN-**
4 **FORMED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

5 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 “(1) the term ‘Attorney General’ means the At-
7 torney General, acting through the Director of the
8 Office on Violence Against Women;

9 “(2) the term ‘covered individual’ means an in-
10 dividual who interfaces with victims of domestic vio-
11 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,
12 including—

13 “(A) an individual working for or on behalf
14 of an eligible entity;

15 “(B) a school or university administrator
16 or personnel; and

17 “(C) an emergency services or medical em-
18 ployee;

19 “(3) the term ‘demonstration site’, with respect
20 to an eligible entity that receives a grant under this
21 section, means—

22 “(A) if the eligible entity is a law enforce-
23 ment agency described in paragraph (4)(A), the
24 area over which the eligible entity has jurisdic-
25 tion; and

1 “(B) if the eligible entity is an organiza-
2 tion or agency described in paragraph (4)(B),
3 the area over which a law enforcement agency
4 described in paragraph (4)(A) that is working
5 in collaboration with the eligible entity has ju-
6 risdiction; and

7 “(4) the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

8 “(A) a State, local, territorial, or Tribal
9 law enforcement agency; or

10 “(B) a national, regional, or local victim
11 services organization or agency working in col-
12 laboration with a law enforcement agency de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (A).

14 “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
16 award grants on a competitive basis to eligible enti-
17 ties to carry out the demonstration program under
18 this section by implementing evidence-based or
19 promising policies and practices to incorporate trau-
20 ma-informed techniques designed to—

21 “(A) prevent re-traumatization of the vic-
22 tim;

23 “(B) ensure that covered individuals use
24 evidence-based practices to respond to and in-

1 investigate cases of domestic violence, dating vio-
2 lence, sexual assault, and stalking;

3 “(C) improve communication between vic-
4 tims and law enforcement officers in an effort
5 to increase the likelihood of the successful in-
6 vestigation and prosecution of the reported
7 crime in a manner that protects the victim to
8 the greatest extent possible;

9 “(D) increase collaboration among stake-
10 holders who are part of the coordinated commu-
11 nity response to domestic violence, dating vio-
12 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

13 “(E) evaluate the effectiveness of the
14 training process and content by measuring—

15 “(i) investigative and prosecutorial
16 practices and outcomes; and

17 “(ii) the well-being of victims and
18 their satisfaction with the criminal justice
19 process.

20 “(2) TERM.—The Attorney General shall make
21 grants under this section for each of the first 2 fis-
22 cal years beginning after the date of enactment of
23 this Act.

24 “(3) AWARD BASIS.—The Attorney General
25 shall award grants under this section to multiple eli-

1 gible entities for use in a variety of settings and
2 communities, including—

3 “(A) urban, suburban, Tribal, remote, and
4 rural areas;

5 “(B) college campuses; or

6 “(C) traditionally underserved commu-
7 nities.

8 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
9 a grant under this section shall use the grant to—

10 “(1) train covered individuals within the dem-
11 onstration site of the eligible entity to use evidence-
12 based, trauma-informed techniques and knowledge of
13 crime victims’ rights throughout an investigation
14 into domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
15 sault, or stalking, including by—

16 “(A) conducting victim interviews in a
17 manner that—

18 “(i) elicits valuable information about
19 the domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
20 ual assault, or stalking; and

21 “(ii) avoids re-traumatization of the
22 victim;

23 “(B) conducting field investigations that
24 mirror best and promising practices available at
25 the time of the investigation;

1 “(C) customizing investigative approaches
2 to ensure a culturally and linguistically appro-
3 priate approach to the community being served;

4 “(D) becoming proficient in understanding
5 and responding to complex cases, including
6 cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
7 ual assault, or stalking—

8 “(i) facilitated by alcohol or drugs;

9 “(ii) involving strangulation;

10 “(iii) committed by a non-stranger;

11 “(iv) committed by an individual of
12 the same sex as the victim;

13 “(v) involving a victim with a dis-
14 ability;

15 “(vi) involving a male victim; or

16 “(vii) involving a lesbian, gay, bisex-
17 ual, or transgender (commonly referred to
18 as ‘LGBT’) victim;

19 “(E) developing collaborative relationships
20 between—

21 “(i) law enforcement officers and
22 other members of the response team; and

23 “(ii) the community being served; and

24 “(F) developing an understanding of how
25 to define, identify, and correctly classify a re-

1 port of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
2 ual assault, or stalking; and

3 “(2) promote the efforts of the eligible entity to
4 improve the response of covered individuals to do-
5 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
6 stalking through various communication channels,
7 such as the website of the eligible entity, social
8 media, print materials, and community meetings, in
9 order to ensure that all covered individuals within
10 the demonstration site of the eligible entity are
11 aware of those efforts and included in trainings, to
12 the extent practicable.

13 “(d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TRAININGS ON
14 TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES.—

15 “(1) IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING
16 TRAININGS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General
18 shall identify trainings for law enforcement offi-
19 cers, in existence as of the date on which the
20 Attorney General begins to solicit applications
21 for grants under this section, that—

22 “(i) employ a trauma-informed ap-
23 proach to domestic violence, dating vio-
24 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

25 “(ii) focus on the fundamentals of—

1 “(I) trauma responses; and

2 “(II) the impact of trauma on
3 victims of domestic violence, dating vi-
4 olence, sexual assault, and stalking.

5 “(B) SELECTION.—An eligible entity that
6 receives a grant under this section shall select
7 one or more of the approaches employed by a
8 training identified under subparagraph (A) to
9 test within the demonstration site of the eligible
10 entity.

11 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-
12 graph (1), the Attorney General shall consult with
13 the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime in
14 order to seek input from and cultivate consensus
15 among outside practitioners and other stakeholders
16 through facilitated discussions and focus groups on
17 best practices in the field of trauma-informed care
18 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
19 ual assault, and stalking.

20 “(e) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General, in con-
21 sultation with the Director of the National Institute of
22 Justice, shall require each eligible entity that receives a
23 grant under this section to identify a research partner,
24 preferably a local research partner, to—

1 “(1) design a system for generating and col-
2 lecting the appropriate data to facilitate an inde-
3 pendent process or impact evaluation of the use of
4 the grant funds;

5 “(2) periodically conduct an evaluation de-
6 scribed in paragraph (1); and

7 “(3) periodically make publicly available, during
8 the grant period—

9 “(A) preliminary results of the evaluations
10 conducted under paragraph (2); and

11 “(B) recommendations for improving the
12 use of the grant funds.

13 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The At-
14 torney General shall carry out this section using amounts
15 otherwise available to the Attorney General.

16 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion shall be construed to interfere with the due process
18 rights of any individual.”.

19 **TITLE III—SERVICES, PROTEC-**
20 **TION, AND JUSTICE FOR**
21 **YOUNG VICTIMS**

22 **SEC. 301. RAPE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION GRANT.**

23 Section 393A of the Public Health Service Act (42
24 U.S.C. 280b–1b) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting before
2 the semicolon at the end the following “or dig-
3 ital services (as such term is defined in section
4 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
5 1994)”;

6 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “profes-
7 sionals” and inserting “professionals, including
8 school-based professionals, to identify and refer
9 students who may have experienced or are at
10 risk of experiencing sexual violence”; and

11 (C) in paragraph (7), by striking “sexual
12 assault” and inserting “sexual violence, sexual
13 assault, and sexual harassment”;

14 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “Indian trib-
15 al” and inserting “Indian Tribal”;

16 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) through (d)
17 as subsections (d) through (e), respectively;

18 (4) by inserting the following new subsection:

19 “(c) MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF STATE SEXUAL
20 ASSAULT COALITIONS, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ORGANI-
21 ZATIONS, AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.—In grant-
22 ing funds to States, the Secretary shall set forth proce-
23 dures designed to ensure meaningful involvement of the
24 State or territorial sexual assault coalitions, culturally spe-
25 cific organizations, and representatives from underserved

1 communities in the application for and implementation of
2 funding.”.

3 (5) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-
4 graph (3))—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
6 “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014
7 through 2018” and inserting “\$110,000,000
8 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”;

9 (B) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end
10 the following: “Not less than 80 percent of the
11 total amount made available under this sub-
12 section in each fiscal year shall be awarded in
13 accordance with this paragraph.”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) STATE, TERRITORIAL, AND TRIBAL SEX-
16 UAL ASSAULT COALITION ALLOTMENT.—Of the total
17 amount made available under this subsection in each
18 fiscal year, not less than 15 percent shall be avail-
19 able to state, territorial, and tribal sexual assault
20 coalitions for the purposes of coordinating and pro-
21 viding prevention activities, providing assistance to
22 prevention programs, and collaborating and coordi-
23 nating with Federal, State, Tribal, and local entities
24 engaged in sexual violence prevention. From
25 amounts appropriated for grants under this sub-

1 section for each fiscal year, not less than 10 percent
2 of funds shall be available for grants to tribal sexual
3 assault coalitions, and the remaining funds shall be
4 available for grants to State and territorial coalitions,
5 and the Attorney General shall allocate an
6 amount equal to $\frac{1}{56}$ of the amounts so appropriated
7 to each of those State and territorial coalitions. Receipt
8 of an award under this subsection by each sexual
9 assault coalition shall not preclude the coalition
10 from receiving additional grants or administering
11 funds to carry out the purposes described in subsection
12 (a).”.

13 (6) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(f) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 of the enactment of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization
16 Act of 2021, the Secretary, acting through the
17 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
18 shall submit to Congress, the Committee on Appropriations
19 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
20 Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations and the
21 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
22 Senate a report on the activities funded by grants awarded
23 under this section and best practices relating to rape prevention
24 and education.”.

1 **SEC. 302. CREATING HOPE THROUGH OUTREACH, OPTIONS,**
2 **SERVICES, AND EDUCATION (CHOOSE) FOR**
3 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

4 Section 41201 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
5 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12451) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “stalking, or sex traf-
9 ficking” and inserting “or stalking”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:
11 “Grants awarded under this section may be
12 used to address sex trafficking or bullying as
13 part of a comprehensive program focused pri-
14 marily on domestic violence, dating violence,
15 sexual assault, or stalking.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
19 graph (A)—

20 (I) by striking “target youth who
21 are victims of domestic violence, dat-
22 ing violence, sexual assault, stalking,
23 and sex trafficking” and inserting
24 “target youth, including youth in un-
25 derserved populations who are victims
26 of domestic violence, dating violence,

1 sexual assault, stalking, and sex traf-
2 ficking”]; and

3 (II) by striking “specific serv-
4 ices” and inserting “specific services,
5 restorative practices”;

6 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
7 “or” at the end;

8 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
9 the period at the end and inserting a semi-
10 colon; and

11 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
12 (C) the following:

13 “(D) clarify State or local mandatory re-
14 porting policies and practices regarding peer-to-
15 peer dating violence, sexual assault, stalking,
16 and sex trafficking; or

17 “(E) develop, enlarge, or strengthen cul-
18 turally specific programs and projects to pro-
19 vide culturally specific services regarding, re-
20 sponses to, and prevention of female genital
21 mutilation, female genital cutting, or female cir-
22 cumcision.”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “stalking, or sex trafficking” and inserting

1 “stalking, sex trafficking, or female genital
2 mutilation, female genital cutting, or fe-
3 male circumcision”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 the semicolon and inserting the following
6 “, and restorative practices;”;

7 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
8 “confidential” before “support services”;
9 and

10 (iv) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
11 after “programming for youth” the fol-
12 lowing: “, including youth in underserved
13 populations,”;

14 (3) in subsection (c)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “stalk-
16 ing, or sex trafficking” and inserting “or stalk-
17 ing”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
19 “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph
20 (A) or (B) of paragraph (1)”;

21 (4) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “stalking,
22 and sex trafficking” and inserting “and stalking, in-
23 cluding training on working with youth in under-
24 served populations (and, where intervention or pro-
25 gramming will include a focus on female genital mu-

1 tilation, female genital cutting, or female circumci-
2 sion, or on sex trafficking, sufficient training on
3 those topics)”; and

4 (5) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000
5 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-
6 serting “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
7 through 2026”.

8 **SEC. 303. GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIMES ON CAM-**
9 **PUSES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304 of the Violence
11 Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthoriza-
12 tion Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20125) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
15 follows:

16 “(2) To develop, strengthen, and implement
17 campus policies, protocols, and services that more ef-
18 fectively identify and respond to the crimes of do-
19 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and
20 stalking, including the use of technology to commit
21 these crimes, and to train campus administrators,
22 campus security personnel, and all participants in
23 the resolution process, including the Title IX coordi-
24 nator’s office and student conduct office on campus

1 disciplinary or judicial boards on such policies, pro-
2 tocols, and services.”;

3 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
4 follows:

5 “(3) To provide prevention and education pro-
6 gramming about domestic violence, dating violence,
7 sexual assault, and stalking, including technological
8 abuse and reproductive and sexual coercion, that is
9 age-appropriate, culturally relevant, ongoing, deliv-
10 ered in multiple venues on campus, accessible, pro-
11 motes respectful nonviolent behavior as a social
12 norm, and engages men and boys. Such program-
13 ming should be developed in partnership or collabo-
14 ratively with experts in intimate partner and sexual
15 violence prevention and intervention.”;

16 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting after
17 “improve delivery of” the following: “primary
18 prevention training and”;

19 (D) in paragraph (9), by striking “and
20 provide” and inserting “, provide, and dissemi-
21 nate”;

22 (E) in paragraph (10), by inserting after
23 “or adapt” the following “and disseminate”;
24 and

1 (F) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
2 following:

3 “(11) To train campus health centers and ap-
4 propriate campus faculty, such as academic advisors
5 or professionals who deal with students on a daily
6 basis, on how to recognize and respond to domestic
7 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
8 ing, including training health providers on how to
9 provide universal education to all members of the
10 campus community on the impacts of violence on
11 health and unhealthy relationships and how pro-
12 viders can support ongoing outreach efforts.

13 “(12) To train campus personnel in how to use
14 a victim-centered, trauma-informed interview tech-
15 nique, which means asking questions of a student or
16 a campus employee who is reported to be a victim
17 of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic vio-
18 lence, dating violence, or stalking, in a manner that
19 is focused on the experience of the reported victim,
20 that does not judge or blame the reported victim for
21 the alleged crime, and that is informed by evidence-
22 based research on the neurobiology of trauma. To
23 the extent practicable, campus personnel shall allow
24 the reported victim to participate in a recorded

1 interview and to receive a copy of the recorded inter-
2 view.

3 “(13) To develop and implement restorative
4 practices (as such term is defined in section
5 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
6 1994).”;

7 (2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “2014
8 through 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”;

9 (3) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “for
11 all incoming students” and inserting “for all
12 students”;

13 (B) by amending paragraph (3)(D) to read
14 as follows:

15 “(D) The grantee shall train all partici-
16 pants in the resolution process, including the
17 Title IX coordinator’s office and student con-
18 duct office, to respond effectively to situations
19 involving domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
20 ual assault, or stalking.”; and

21 (C) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting after
22 “sex,” the following: “sexual orientation, gender
23 identity,”; and

24 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “\$12,000,000
25 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-

1 serting “\$16,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
2 through 2026”.

3 (b) REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING DO-
4 MESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL AS-
5 SAULT, AND STALKING ON CAMPUSES.—Not later than 1
6 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of Education shall submit to Congress a report, which in-
8 cludes—

9 (1) an evaluation of programs, events, and edu-
10 cational materials related to domestic violence, dat-
11 ing violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

12 (2) an assessment of best practices and guid-
13 ance from the evaluation described in paragraph (1),
14 which shall be made publicly available online to uni-
15 versities and college campuses to use as a resource.

16 **TITLE IV—VIOLENCE** 17 **REDUCTION PRACTICES**

18 **SEC. 401. STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE CENTERS FOR DIS-**
19 **EASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

20 Section 402 of the Violence Against Women and De-
21 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (42
22 U.S.C. 280b–4) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “violence
24 against women” and inserting “violence against
25 adults, youth,”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “2014 through
2 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

3 **SEC. 402. SAVING MONEY AND REDUCING TRAGEDIES**
4 **(SMART) THROUGH PREVENTION GRANTS.**

5 Section 41303 of the Violence Against Women Act
6 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12463) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
9 “and” at the end;

10 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
11 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(E) strategies within each of these areas
14 addressing the unmet needs of underserved pop-
15 ulations.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by inserting “cul-
17 turally specific,” after “after-school”;

18 (3) in subsection (d)(3)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
20 “and” at the end;

21 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
22 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(C) include a focus on the unmet needs of
25 underserved populations.”;

1 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000
2 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-
3 serting “\$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
4 through 2026”; and

5 (5) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(3) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Any amounts not
8 made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) may be
9 used for any set of purposes described in paragraphs
10 (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (b), or for a project
11 that fulfills two or more of such sets of purposes.”.

12 **TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE**
13 **HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS RE-**
14 **SPONSE**

15 **SEC. 501. GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTHCARE SYS-**
16 **TEMS RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,**
17 **DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND**
18 **STALKING.**

19 Section 399P of the Public Health Service Act (42
20 U.S.C. 280g–4) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “com-
23 munity health workers, violence prevention ad-
24 vocates working with health providers,” after
25 “health staff,”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) by inserting “(including midwives
3 and doulas)” after “residents”; and

4 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

5 (C) in paragraph (3)—

6 (i) by striking “response” after “im-
7 prove the” and inserting “capacity”;

8 (ii) by inserting “prevent and respond
9 to” after “(including behavioral and men-
10 tal health programs) to”; and

11 (iii) by striking the period at the end
12 and inserting a semicolon; and

13 (D) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) the development or enhancement and im-
15 plementation of training programs to improve the
16 capacity of early childhood programs to address do-
17 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
18 stalking among families they serve; and

19 “(5) the development or enhancement and im-
20 plementation of comprehensive statewide strategies
21 for health and violence prevention programs to work
22 together to promote primary prevention onf domestic
23 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
24 ing.”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

2 (i) by inserting “provide universal
3 education on healthy relationships” after
4 “providers to”;

5 (ii) by striking “identify”;

6 (iii) by inserting “trauma-informed”
7 after “and provide”; and

8 (iv) by striking “and” at the end;

9 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—

10 (i) by inserting “, including labor and
11 sex trafficking” after “other forms of vio-
12 lence and abuse”;

13 (ii) by striking “culturally competent
14 clinical” after “plan and develop”;

15 (iii) by inserting after “training com-
16 ponents” the following; “that center the
17 experiences of and are developed in col-
18 laboration with Black and Indigenous peo-
19 ple and People of Color, and include com-
20 munity-defined practices such as the use of
21 doulas, midwives, and traditional healers,”;
22 and

23 (iv) by striking “disparities” and in-
24 serting “inequities”;

1 (C) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after
2 clause (ii) the following:

3 “(iii) are designed to be inclusive of
4 the experiences of all individuals including
5 LGBTQ+ individuals and include training
6 on equity and anti-racism approaches to
7 health services delivery; disparities in ac-
8 cess to health-care services and prevention
9 resources; and current and historic sys-
10 temic racism in health care services; and

11 “(iv) include training on the use of
12 universal prevention education approach to
13 both prevent and respond to domestic vio-
14 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
15 stalking in health care settings;”;

16 (D) in subparagraph (B), in the matter
17 preceding clause (i)—

18 (i) by striking “response” after “im-
19 prove the” and inserting “capacity”; and

20 (ii) by inserting “prevent and respond
21 to” after “system to”;

22 (E) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

23 (i) by inserting “and promoting pre-
24 vention of ” ” after “responding to”;

1 (ii) by inserting “during in person or
2 virtual visits and” after “and stalking”;
3 and

4 (iii) by inserting after “follow-up
5 care” the following: “ and to maximize vic-
6 tim choice on the use and sharing of their
7 health information”;

8 (F) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

9 (i) by striking “on-site access to”; and

10 (ii) by striking “patients by increas-
11 ing” and all that follows through the semi-
12 colon and inserting the following: “patients
13 by—

14 “(I) increasing the capacity of
15 existing health care professionals, in-
16 cluding professionals who specialize in
17 trauma and in behavioral and mental
18 health care (including substance abuse
19 disorder), community health workers,
20 and public health staff to address do-
21 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual
22 assault, stalking, and children exposed
23 to violence;

24 “(II) contracting with or hiring
25 advocates for victims of domestic vio-

1 lence or sexual assault to provide such
2 services; or

3 “(III) providing funding to State
4 domestic and sexual violence coalitions
5 to improve the capacity of such coali-
6 tions to coordinate and support health
7 advocates and other health system
8 partnerships;”;

9 (G) in subparagraph (B)(iii)—

10 (i) by striking “identification” after
11 “practice of” and inserting “prevention”;

12 (ii) by inserting “during in person or
13 virtual visits,” after “and stalking”; and

14 (iii) by striking “and” at the end;

15 (H) in subparagraph (B)(iv)—

16 (i) by inserting “and promote preven-
17 tion during in person or virtual visits,”
18 after “or stalking,”; and

19 (ii) by striking the period at the end;

20 (I) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the
21 end the following:

22 “(v) the development, implementation,
23 dissemination, and evaluation of best prac-
24 tices, tools, and training materials, includ-
25 ing culturally relevant tools, for behavioral

1 health professionals to identify and re-
2 spond to domestic violence, sexual violence,
3 stalking, and dating violence; and

4 “(vi) the development and provision of
5 culturally relevant training and follow-up
6 technical assistance to health care profes-
7 sionals, and public health staff, and allied
8 health professionals to identify, assess,
9 treat, and refer clients who are victims of
10 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
11 assault, or stalking from culturally specific
12 communities and promote prevention,
13 using tools and training materials, devel-
14 oped by and for culturally specific commu-
15 nities, with priority given to trainings pro-
16 vided by culturally specific organizations;
17 and”;

18 (J) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
19 the following:

20 “(C) design and implement comprehensive
21 strategies to prevent domestic or sexual violence
22 including through the use of universal education
23 in clinical and public health settings, hospitals,
24 clinics and other health settings.”.

25 (3) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—

1 (A) in the heading, by striking “CHILD
2 AND ELDER ABUSE” and inserting the fol-
3 lowing: “CHILD ABUSE AND ABUSE IN LATER
4 LIFE”; and

5 (B) by striking “child or elder abuse” and
6 inserting the following: “child abuse or abuse in
7 later life”;

8 (4) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(i), by striking “elder
9 abuse” and inserting “abuse in later life”;

10 (5) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(ii), by inserting
11 “programs that promote the prevention of sexual as-
12 sault as well as” after “implementation of”;

13 (6) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iii)—

14 (A) by inserting “and exposure to violence
15 against generations” after “abuse”; and

16 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

17 (7) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iv)—

18 (A) by inserting “mental health,” after
19 “dental,”; and

20 (B) by striking “exams.” and inserting
21 “exams and certifications;”;

22 (8) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by inserting after
23 clause (iv) the following:

24 “(v) providing funding to culturally
25 specific organizations to improve the ca-

1 capacity of such organizations to engage and
2 partner with healthcare providers to sup-
3 port victims and meet increased referrals
4 from health systems;

5 “(vi) development of a State-level pilot
6 program to—

7 “(I) improve the response of sub-
8 stance use disorder treatment pro-
9 grams, harm reduction programs for
10 people who use substances, and sys-
11 tems to domestic violence, dating vio-
12 lence, sexual assault, and stalking;

13 “(II) improve the capacity of
14 substance use disorder treatment pro-
15 grams, harm reduction programs for
16 people who use substances, and sys-
17 tems to serve survivors of domestic vi-
18 olence, dating violence, sexual assault,
19 and stalking dealing with substance
20 use disorder; and

21 “(III) improve the capacity of do-
22 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual
23 assault, and stalking programs to
24 serve survivors who has substance use

1 history with substance abuse disorder;
2 or
3 “(vii) development and utilization of
4 existing technical assistance and training
5 resources to improve the capacity of sub-
6 stance use disorder treatment programs
7 and harm reduction programs for people
8 who use substances to address domestic vi-
9 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
10 stalking among patients the programs
11 serve.”;

12 (9) in subsection (c)(3)(A) by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting the following: “and—

14 “(i) culturally specific and population
15 specific organizations, and specifically or-
16 ganizations whose leadership include Black
17 or Indigenous people, People of Color, or
18 LGBTQ+ individuals; and

19 “(ii) programs developing and imple-
20 menting community-driven solutions to ad-
21 dress domestic violence, dating violence,
22 sexual assault, or stalking, instead of
23 carceral and law enforcement interven-
24 tion”;

1 (10) in subsection (c)(3)(B)(i)(III) by inserting
2 after “nonprofit entity” the following “, including a
3 culturally-specific organization or community-based
4 organization working to address the social deter-
5 minants of health,”;

6 (11) in subsection (c)(3)(C)(ii)—

7 (A) by striking “strategies for” and insert-
8 ing “(I) strategies for”;

9 (B) by inserting “and generations” after
10 “lifespan”;

11 (C) by striking “settings;” and inserting
12 “settings; and”

13 (D) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(II) strategies to address pri-
15 mary prevention of domestic violence,
16 dating violence, sexual assault, and
17 stalking over the lifespan and genera-
18 tions including strategies that address
19 related social determinants of health
20 and center economic justice, anti-rac-
21 ism, and that are inclusive of all gen-
22 ders and identities including
23 LGBTQ+ individuals;”;

24 (12) in subsection (c)(3)(C)(iii)—

1 (A) by inserting “culturally specific organi-
2 zations” after “advocacy organizations”; and

3 (B) by striking “State or tribal law en-
4 forcement task forces (where appropriate)”;

5 (13) in subsection (e)(3)(C)(v) by inserting
6 “(including culturally specific organizations)” after
7 “service providers”;

8 (14) in subsection (d)(2)(A)—

9 (A) by inserting “or behavioral health”
10 after “of health”;

11 (B) by inserting “behavioral” after “phys-
12 ical or”;

13 (C) by striking “mental” before “health
14 care”; and

15 (D) by inserting “, including substance use
16 disorder treatment” before “; or”;

17 (15) in subsection (d)(2)(B)—

18 (A) by striking “or health system” and in-
19 serting “behavioral health treatment system”;

20 (B) by striking “mental” and inserting
21 “behavioral”; and

22 (C) by inserting “, or a community-based
23 organization with a history of partnership with
24 programs in the domestic violence, dating vio-
25 lence, sexual assault, or stalking and health

1 care, including physical, mental, or behavioral
2 health care” before the period at the end;
3 (16) in subsection (g)—
4 (A) by striking “\$10,000,000” and insert-
5 ing “\$15,000,000”; and
6 (B) by striking “2014 through 2018” and
7 inserting “2022 through 2026”; and
8 (17) in subsection (h), by striking “herein” and
9 “provided for”.

10 **TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR** 11 **VICTIMS**

12 **SEC. 601. HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMES-** 13 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL** 14 **ASSAULT, AND STALKING.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 41411 of the Violence
16 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491) is amend-
17 ed—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—
19 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
20 “brother, sister,” and inserting “sibling,”;
21 (B) in paragraph (3)—
22 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
23 before the semicolon at the end the fol-
24 lowing: “including the direct loan program
25 under such section”;

1 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
2 “the program under subtitle A of” and in-
3 serting “the programs under”;

4 (iii) in subparagraph (I)—

5 (I) by striking “sections 514,
6 515, 516, 533, and 538 of the Hous-
7 ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,
8 1485, 1486, 1490m, and 1490p-2)”
9 and inserting “sections 514, 515, 516,
10 533, 538, and 542 of the Housing Act
11 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486,
12 1490m, 1490p-2, 1490r)”;

13 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

14 (iv) in subparagraph (J), by striking
15 the period at the end and inserting a semi-
16 colon; and

17 (v) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(K) the provision of assistance from the
19 Housing Trust Fund established under section
20 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Fi-
21 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12
22 U.S.C. 4501);

23 “(L) the provision of assistance for hous-
24 ing under the Comprehensive Service Programs
25 for Homeless Veterans program under sub-

1 chapter II of chapter 20 of title 38, United
2 States Code;

3 “(M) the provision of assistance for hous-
4 ing and facilities under the grant program for
5 homeless veterans with special needs under sec-
6 tion 2061 of title 38, United States Code;

7 “(N) the provision of assistance for perma-
8 nent housing under the program for financial
9 assistance for supportive services for very low-
10 income veteran families in permanent housing
11 under section 2044 of title 38, United States
12 Code;

13 “(O) housing assisted under the rent sup-
14 plement program under section 101 of the
15 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965
16 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); and

17 “(P) any other Federal housing programs
18 providing affordable housing to low- and mod-
19 erate-income persons by means of restricted
20 rents or rental assistance as identified by the
21 appropriate agency.”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT.—The term
24 ‘collaborative applicant’ has the meaning given the

1 term in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Home-
2 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

3 “(5) CONTINUUM OF CARE.—The term ‘Con-
4 tinuum of Care’ means the Federal program author-
5 ized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-
6 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et
7 seq.).

8 “(6) COVERED HOUSING PROVIDER.—The term
9 ‘covered housing provider’—

10 “(A) means the individual or entity under
11 a covered housing program that has responsi-
12 bility for the administration or oversight of
13 housing assisted under a covered housing pro-
14 gram; and

15 “(B) includes public housing agencies,
16 sponsors, owners, mortgagors, managers, grant-
17 ees under the Continuum of Care, State and
18 local governments or agencies thereof, and non-
19 profit or for-profit organizations or entities.

20 “(7) DRUG-RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.—The
21 term ‘drug-related criminal activity’ has the meaning
22 given the term in section 3(b)(9) of the United
23 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
24 1437a(b)(9)).

1 “(8) EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT.—The
2 term ‘emergency solutions grant’ means a grant pro-
3 vided under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-
4 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et
5 seq.).

6 “(9) EMERGENCY TRANSFER.—The term ‘emer-
7 gency transfer’—

8 “(A) except as provided under subpara-
9 graph (B), means a transfer under subsection
10 (e) from a unit of a covered housing provider
11 to any other unit of the same principal, affil-
12 iate, or management agent of the covered hous-
13 ing provider; and

14 “(B) with respect to a project funded
15 under the Continuum of Care, means a transfer
16 under subsection (e) to any unit of the same
17 covered housing provider under the same cov-
18 ered housing program.

19 “(10) EXTERNAL REFERRAL.—The term ‘exter-
20 nal referral’—

21 “(A) except as provided under subpara-
22 graph (B), means a referral provided to a vic-
23 tim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
24 assault, or stalking by a covered housing pro-
25 vider to the applicable regional office of the De-

1 partment of Housing and Urban Development
2 to facilitate a move from a unit of a covered
3 housing provider under the same or a different
4 covered housing program; and

5 “(B) with respect to a project funded
6 under the Continuum of Care, including any
7 local system funding by the Continuum of Care
8 or a recipient or subrecipient of an Emergency
9 Solutions Grant, means the facilitation of a
10 move from a unit of a covered housing provider
11 to a unit of a different covered housing provider
12 under the same covered housing program.

13 “(11) HUD REGIONAL OFFICE.—The term
14 ‘HUD regional office’ means a regional office of the
15 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

16 “(12) NATIONAL VAWA VICTIMS RELOCATION
17 POOL VOUCHER.—The term ‘National VAWA Vic-
18 tims Relocation Pool voucher’ means a housing
19 voucher provided under section 8(o) of the United
20 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).

21 “(13) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘pro-
22 gram participant’ means an individual (including an
23 unaccompanied youth) or family who is assisted by
24 programs under the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
25 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq).”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)(3)—

2 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
3 after “CRIMINAL ACTIVITY” the following: “AND
4 FAMILY BREAK-UP”;

5 (B) by amending subparagraph (A) to read
6 as follows:

7 “(A) DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE, TENANCY,
8 AND OCCUPANCY RIGHTS PROHIBITED.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A tenant, program
10 participant, or resident of a unit who is an
11 unreported member of the household be-
12 cause of domestic violence, dating violence,
13 sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking
14 shall not be denied assistance, tenancy, or
15 occupancy rights to housing assisted under
16 a covered housing program solely on the
17 basis of criminal activity directly relating
18 to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
19 ual assault, or stalking that is engaged in
20 by a member of the household of the ten-
21 ant, program participant, resident, or any
22 guest or other person under the control of
23 the tenant, program participant, or resi-
24 dent, if the tenant, program participant,
25 resident or an affiliated individual of the

1 tenant, program participant, or resident is
2 the victim or threatened victim of such do-
3 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
4 sult, or stalking.

5 “(ii) CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ENGAGED IN
6 BY PERPETRATOR OF ABUSE.—

7 “(I) IN GENERAL.—A tenant,
8 program participant, or resident of a
9 unit who is an unreported member of
10 the household because of domestic vio-
11 lence, dating violence, sexual assault,
12 dating violence, or stalking shall not
13 be denied assistance, tenancy, or occu-
14 pancy rights to housing assisted under
15 a covered housing program solely on
16 the basis of criminal activity, includ-
17 ing drug-related criminal activity, en-
18 gaged in by the perpetrator of the do-
19 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual
20 assault, or stalking.

21 “(II) RULE OF CONSTRUC-
22 TION.—Nothing in subclause (I) shall
23 be construed to limit the authority to
24 terminate assistance to a tenant or
25 program participant or evict or termi-

1 nate a tenant or program participant
2 from housing assisted under a covered
3 housing program if a public housing
4 agency or an owner, recipient or sub-
5 recipient, or a manager of the housing
6 demonstrates an actual and imminent
7 threat to other tenants, program par-
8 ticipants, or individuals employed at
9 or providing service to the housing if
10 the assistance is not terminated or the
11 tenant or program participant is not
12 evicted.

13 “(iii) REVIEW PRIOR TO TERMINATION
14 FOR CURRENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.—
15 Before terminating assistance, tenancy, or
16 occupancy rights to housing assisted under
17 a covered housing program to a tenant or
18 program participant who is a victim of do-
19 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
20 sault, or stalking on the basis of criminal
21 activity of the tenant or program partici-
22 pant, including drug-related criminal activ-
23 ity—

24 “(I) the covered housing provider
25 shall consider—

1 “(aa) the seriousness of the
2 case;
3 “(bb) the extent of partici-
4 pation or culpability of the ten-
5 ant or program participant, in-
6 cluding whether the tenant or
7 program participant was coerced
8 by the perpetrator of the domes-
9 tic violence, dating violence, sex-
10 ual assault, or stalking;
11 “(cc) whether the criminal
12 activity was related to a symptom
13 of a disability, including a sub-
14 stance use disorder;
15 “(dd) in cases involving
16 drug-related criminal activity or
17 criminal activity involving alcohol
18 abuse, whether the tenant or pro-
19 gram participant is participating
20 in, or has successfully completed,
21 a supervised drug or alcohol re-
22 habilitation program, or has oth-
23 erwise been rehabilitated success-
24 fully; and

1 “(ee) any other relevant
2 mitigating circumstances; and

3 “(II) the covered housing pro-
4 gram shall provide the tenant or pro-
5 gram participant with—

6 “(aa) a written summary of
7 the review conducted by the cov-
8 ered housing program; and

9 “(bb) an opportunity to in-
10 voke the applicable grievance pol-
11 icy of the covered housing pro-
12 gram to dispute the findings of
13 the review.”;

14 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

15 (i) in the heading, by striking “BI-
16 FURCATION” and inserting “FAMILY
17 BREAK-UP”;

18 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i) and
19 (ii) as clauses (ii) and (iii), respectively;

20 (iii) by inserting before clause (ii), as
21 so redesignated, the following:

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If a family break-
23 up results from an occurrence of domestic
24 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
25 stalking, and the perpetrator no longer re-

1 sides in the unit and was the sole tenant
2 or program participant eligible to receive
3 assistance under a covered housing pro-
4 gram, the covered housing provider shall—

5 “(I) provide any other tenant,
6 program participant, or resident of
7 the unit who is an unreported member
8 of the household because of domestic
9 violence, dating violence, sexual as-
10 sult, dating violence, or stalking the
11 opportunity to establish eligibility for
12 the covered housing program; or

13 “(II) provide a tenant, program
14 participant, or resident described in
15 subclause (I) with not less than 180
16 days—

17 “(aa) to remain in the unit
18 under the same terms and condi-
19 tions as the perpetrator; and

20 “(bb) find new housing or
21 establish eligibility for another
22 covered housing program.”;

23 (iv) in clause (ii), as so redesign-
24 nated—

1 (I) in the heading, by striking
2 “IN GENERAL” and inserting “EVIC-
3 TION”; and

4 (II) by inserting after “a public
5 housing agency” the following: “, par-
6 ticipating jurisdictions, grantees under
7 the Continuum of Care, grantees,”;
8 and

9 (v) by striking clause (iii), as so re-
10 designated;

11 (D) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (i) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at
13 the end;

14 (ii) in clause (iv), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(v) to be limited by any provision in
19 the United States Housing Act of 1937
20 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) that provides less
21 protection than subparagraph (A) for vic-
22 tims of domestic violence, dating violence,
23 sexual assault, or stalking.”; and

24 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
25 the following:

1 “(D) EARLY TERMINATION.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A covered housing
3 provider shall permit a tenant or program
4 participant assisted under the covered
5 housing program to terminate the lease at
6 any time prior to the end date of the lease,
7 without penalty, if the tenant or program
8 participant has been a victim of domestic
9 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
10 stalking and the tenant or program partici-
11 pant—

12 “(I) sends notice of the early
13 lease termination to the landlord in
14 writing prior to or within 3 days of
15 vacating the premises unless a shorter
16 notice period is provided for under
17 State law;

18 “(II)(aa) reasonably believes that
19 the tenant or program participant is
20 threatened with imminent harm if the
21 tenant or program participant re-
22 mains within the same dwelling unit
23 subject to the lease; or

24 “(bb) is a victim of sexual as-
25 sault, the sexual assault occurred on

1 the premises during the 90-day period
2 preceding the request for lease termi-
3 nation; and

4 “(III) provides a form of docu-
5 mentation consistent with the require-
6 ments outlined in subsection (c)(3).

7 “(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—
8 Nothing in this subparagraph shall be con-
9 strued to preclude any automatic termi-
10 nation of a lease by operation of law.
11 Nothing in this subparagraph shall be con-
12 strued to supersede any provision of any
13 Federal, State, or local law regarding the
14 early termination of leases that provides
15 greater protection than this subsection for
16 victims of domestic violence, dating vio-
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking.”;

18 (3) in subsection (c)(4), in the matter preceding
19 subparagraph (A)—

20 (A) by striking “Any information sub-
21 mitted to a public housing agency or owner or
22 manager” and inserting “Covered housing pro-
23 viders shall ensure any information submitted”;
24 and

1 (B) by inserting after “owner or manager”
2 the following: “of housing assisted under a cov-
3 ered housing program”;

4 (4) in subsection (d)—

5 (A) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
7 graph (A), by striking “an applicant for or
8 tenants of” and inserting “all individuals
9 and families seeking housing or services
10 from programs under title IV of the
11 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.), all program
13 participants of, all adult members of appli-
14 cant households for, and all adult tenants
15 of”; and

16 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
17 “guidance issued by the Secretary of
18 Housing and Urban Development” and in-
19 serting “title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
20 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and any
21 guidance issued by the appropriate agen-
22 cies related to language access for persons
23 with limited English proficiency”;

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3) TRANSLATION AND AVAILABILITY OF
2 STANDARDIZED DOCUMENTS.—Each appropriate
3 agency shall ensure that standardized documents re-
4 lating to the implementation of this title are—

5 “(A) translated into and made available in
6 multiple languages and are available in formats
7 accessible to persons with disabilities; and

8 “(B) made accessible to covered housing
9 providers within a reasonable time after adop-
10 tion of the documents by the appropriate agen-
11 cy.”;

12 (5) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(e) EMERGENCY TRANSFERS AND NATIONAL
15 VAWA VICTIMS RELOCATION POOL POLICIES.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A tenant, program partici-
17 pant, or resident of a unit who is an unreported
18 member of the household because of domestic vio-
19 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, dating vio-
20 lence, or stalking who is a victim of domestic vio-
21 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
22 may apply for an emergency transfer or a National
23 VAWA Victims Relocation Pool voucher, or both.

24 “(2) RESPONSIBLE ENTITY.—

1 “(A) EMERGENCY TRANSFERS.—A covered
2 housing provider shall grant an emergency
3 transfer to a tenant or program participant de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) if—

5 “(i) the covered housing provider and
6 the tenant or program participant deter-
7 mine that a safe dwelling unit is available;
8 and

9 “(ii) the tenant or program partici-
10 pant meets the eligibility criteria described
11 in paragraph (3).

12 “(B) VOUCHERS.—The Secretary of Hous-
13 ing and Urban Development and a covered
14 housing provider authorized to determine eligi-
15 bility for National VAWA Victims Relocation
16 Pool vouchers under policies and procedures es-
17 tablished under subsection (f)(1) shall approve
18 a National VAWA Victims Relocation Pool
19 voucher for a tenant, program participant, or
20 resident of a unit who is an unreported member
21 of the household because of domestic violence,
22 dating violence, sexual assault, dating violence,
23 or stalking described in paragraph (1) if the
24 tenant, program participant, or resident meets

1 the eligibility criteria described in paragraph
2 (3).

3 “(3) CRITERIA.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The applicable respon-
5 sible entity under paragraph (2) shall approve
6 an application submitted by a tenant, program
7 participant, or resident described in paragraph
8 (1) for an emergency transfer, a National
9 VAWA Victims Relocation Pool voucher, or
10 both, if—

11 “(i) the tenant, program participant,
12 or resident expressly requests the emer-
13 gency transfer or National VAWA Victims
14 Relocation Pool voucher, or both, from the
15 applicable responsible entity; and

16 “(ii)(I) the tenant, program partici-
17 pant, or resident reasonably believes that
18 the tenant or program participant is
19 threatened with imminent harm from fur-
20 ther violence if the tenant or program par-
21 ticipant remains within the same dwelling
22 unit assisted under a covered housing pro-
23 gram; or

24 “(II) in the case of a tenant, program
25 participant, or resident who is a victim of

1 sexual assault, the sexual assault occurred
2 on the premises during the 90-day period
3 preceding the request for the emergency
4 transfer or National VAWA Victims Relo-
5 cation Pool voucher.

6 “(B) GOOD STANDING.—Regardless of
7 whether a tenant, program participant, or resi-
8 dent is in good standing, the tenant, program
9 participant, or resident retains the right to an
10 emergency transfer or a National VAWA Vic-
11 tims Relocation Pool voucher if the tenant, pro-
12 gram participant, or resident otherwise meets
13 the eligibility requirements in this subsection.
14 The tenant, program participant, or resident
15 shall also meet the eligibility requirements of
16 the program to which the tenant, program par-
17 ticipant, or resident intends to transfer unless
18 the eligibility requirement is waived by the cov-
19 ered housing program.

20 “(4) POLICIES.—Each appropriate agency shall,
21 in the timeframe outlined in subsection (f)(2), adopt
22 emergency transfer, external referral, and National
23 VAWA Victim Relocation Pool voucher policies for
24 use by covered housing programs, which shall—

1 “(A) reflect the variations in program op-
2 eration and administration by covered housing
3 program type and are in accordance with the
4 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development’s
5 National VAWA Victims Relocation Pool vouch-
6 ers policies and procedures issued within the
7 timeframe outlined in subsection (f)(1);

8 “(B) at a minimum, describe a process
9 that—

10 “(i) permits tenants, program partici-
11 pants, or residents who are victims of do-
12 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
13 sault, or stalking to move to another avail-
14 able and safe dwelling quickly through an
15 emergency transfer, a National VAWA Vic-
16 tims Relocation Pool voucher, or an exter-
17 nal referral; and

18 “(ii) provides that the tenant, pro-
19 gram participant, or resident can request
20 an emergency transfer or a National
21 VAWA Victims Relocation Pool voucher, or
22 both, whichever is safe and available for
23 the tenant, program participant, or resi-
24 dent; and

1 “(C) with respect to a request for an emer-
2 gency transfer, provide that—

3 “(i) not later than 5 days after the
4 date on which a covered housing provider
5 receives an emergency transfer request
6 from a tenant or program participant, the
7 covered housing provider shall determine
8 whether the tenant or program participant
9 can be transferred to a safe and available
10 unit;

11 “(ii) if a safe unit is available, an
12 emergency transfer shall occur not later
13 than 10 days after the date on which the
14 covered housing provider approves the re-
15 quest;

16 “(iii) if a safe unit is not available,
17 the covered housing provider shall provide
18 to the tenant or program participant—

19 “(I) a written status report re-
20 garding the status of the emergency
21 transfer request of the tenant or pro-
22 gram participant; and

23 “(II) information about National
24 VAWA Victims Relocation Pool
25 vouchers; and

1 “(iv) if the emergency transfer re-
2 quest has been denied due to reasons unre-
3 lated to the availability of a safe and suit-
4 able unit, the tenant or program partici-
5 pant may appeal the decision through the
6 applicable grievance or hearing process of
7 the covered housing provider;

8 “(D) with respect to a request for a Na-
9 tional VAWA Victims Relocation Pool vouch-
10 er—

11 “(i) the request may be made to the
12 Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
13 ment by a tenant; program participant;
14 resident of the unit who is an unreported
15 member of the household because of do-
16 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
17 sault, dating violence, or stalking; a col-
18 laborative applicant of the local Continuum
19 of Care or designee of the collaborative ap-
20 plicant; Emergency Solutions Grant recipi-
21 ent or subrecipient; a public housing agen-
22 cy; or the covered housing provider; and

23 “(ii) not later than 10 days after the
24 date on which the Secretary of Housing
25 and Urban Development receives a request

1 for a National VAWA Victims Relocation
2 Pool voucher and the selected relocation
3 jurisdiction of the tenant or program par-
4 ticipant, the Secretary shall process the re-
5 quest and refer administration of the Na-
6 tional VAWA Victims Relocation Pool
7 voucher to the appropriate public housing
8 agency of the selected jurisdiction of the
9 tenant; program participant; or resident of
10 the unit who is an unreported member of
11 the household because of domestic violence,
12 dating violence, sexual assault, dating vio-
13 lence, or stalking;

14 “(E) allow a victim of domestic violence
15 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to
16 temporarily relocate, while maintaining eligi-
17 bility for the covered housing program without
18 the loss of their housing status, if there are no
19 alternative comparable housing program units
20 available, until an emergency transfer, a Na-
21 tional VAWA Victims Relocation Pool voucher,
22 or an external referral resulting in comparable
23 safe housing is obtained;

24 “(F) mandate that emergency transfers
25 take priority over non-emergency transfers;

1 “(G) mandate that emergency transfers
2 are not considered new applicants and take pri-
3 ority over existing external waiting lists for a
4 covered housing program;

5 “(H) incorporate confidentiality measures
6 to ensure that the appropriate agency and the
7 covered housing provider do not disclose any in-
8 formation regarding a tenant, program partici-
9 pant, or resident who is victim of domestic vio-
10 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
11 ing, including the location of a new dwelling
12 unit to any person or entity without the time-
13 limited written authorization of the tenant or
14 program participant, and communication by a
15 covered housing provider with a victim must be
16 in a form and manner that the victim deter-
17 mines to be safe; and

18 “(I) mandate that when a tenant or pro-
19 gram participant submits an emergency trans-
20 fer request to a covered housing provider, the
21 covered housing provider shall provide contact
22 information for—

23 “(i) local organizations offering assist-
24 ance to tenants and other housing pro-

1 viders who may have safe and available
2 housing; or

3 “(ii) contact information for the re-
4 gional HUD office or applicable public
5 housing agency.

6 “(5) DUTIES OF COLLABORATIVE APPLICANTS
7 OF A LOCAL CONTINUUM OF CARE.—In addition to
8 adopting the policies described in paragraph (4) in
9 an emergency transfer policy, the collaborative appli-
10 cant of each local Continuum of Care, or a designee
11 of the collaborative applicant, shall—

12 “(A) coordinate and facilitate emergency
13 transfers and external referrals across projects
14 funded under the Continuum of Care;

15 “(B) prioritize an external referral across
16 projects funded under the Continuum of Care
17 for the next available safe housing option for
18 which a tenant or program participant may be
19 eligible;

20 “(C) coordinate external referrals with the
21 collaborative applicant of the local Continuum
22 of Care, or designee of the collaborative appli-
23 cant, in other jurisdictions in cases where a ten-
24 ant or program participant requests an out-of-
25 jurisdiction transfer;

1 “(D) ensure that a tenant or program par-
2 ticipant is not required to be reassessed and re-
3 tains chronically homeless status, if applicable,
4 through the local Continuum of Care intake
5 process when seeking an emergency transfer or
6 external referral placement; and

7 “(E) ensure costs associated with tem-
8 porary relocations described in paragraph (4)
9 are considered eligible costs of supportive serv-
10 ices under the Continuum of Care program.

11 “(6) REGIONAL OFFICES.—Each HUD regional
12 office shall—

13 “(A) in collaboration with public housing
14 agencies and the entities described in paragraph
15 (2), develop and implement a regional emer-
16 gency transfer and external referral plan, which
17 shall—

18 “(i) set forth how covered housing
19 providers shall coordinate external referrals
20 with the HUD regional office;

21 “(ii) be submitted to the Violence
22 Against Women Director described in sec-
23 tion 41413 and made publicly available;
24 and

1 “(iii) include any additional policies,
2 priorities, and strategies set by the entities
3 described in paragraph (5); and

4 “(B) in consultation with the Violence
5 Against Women Director described in section
6 41413, facilitate external referral requests for
7 tenants or program participants who are vic-
8 tims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
9 ual assault, or stalking if the tenant or program
10 participant cannot obtain an emergency trans-
11 fer or a National VAWA Victims Relocation
12 Pool voucher.

13 “(7) COVERED HOUSING PROVIDERS.—Each
14 covered housing provider shall develop and imple-
15 ment an emergency transfer and external referral
16 plan consistent with the requirements in paragraph
17 (4) or (5).”;

18 (6) by amending subsection (f) to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(f) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY
21 TRANSFER AND NATIONAL VAWA VICTIMS RELOCATION
22 POOL VOUCHERS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
24 after the date of enactment of the Violence Against
25 Women Reauthorization Act of 2021, the Secretary

1 of Housing and Urban Development shall establish
2 policies and procedures under which a tenant, pro-
3 gram participant, or resident of a unit who is an un-
4 reported member of the household because of domes-
5 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, dating
6 violence, or stalking may receive, under subsection
7 (e), subject to the availability of funds, a National
8 VAWA Victims Relocation Pool voucher.

9 “(2) APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.—Not later than
10 180 days after the date of enactment of the Violence
11 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021, the
12 head of each appropriate agency shall establish the
13 policies required under subsection (e) with respect to
14 emergency transfers and external referrals. Each ap-
15 propriate agency shall also establish agency-specific
16 policies and procedures in accordance with the Sec-
17 retary of Housing and Urban Development’s Na-
18 tional VAWA Victims Relocation Pool vouchers poli-
19 cies and procedures.”;

20 (7) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
21 section (h);

22 (8) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(g) TRAINING AND REFERRALS.—

1 “(1) TRAINING FOR STAFF OF COVERED HOUS-
2 ING PROGRAMS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
4 Housing and Urban Development, in partner-
5 ship with domestic and sexual violence experts,
6 shall develop mandatory in-person or electronic
7 training for staff of covered housing providers
8 to provide a basic understanding of domestic vi-
9 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
10 stalking, and to facilitate implementation of
11 this section.

12 “(B) APPROPRIATE STAFF.—Each covered
13 housing provider shall identify—

14 “(i) appropriate staff to attend the
15 basic understanding training described in
16 subparagraph (A) periodically; and

17 “(ii) appropriate staff engaged in ten-
18 ant, program participant, or resident serv-
19 ices to attend both the basic understanding
20 training and the implementation training
21 described in subparagraph (A) as nec-
22 essary.

23 “(2) REFERRALS.—The appropriate agency
24 with respect to each covered housing program and
25 the local Continuum of Care shall supply all appro-

1 piate staff of the covered housing providers with a
2 referral listing of public contact information for all
3 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
4 and stalking service providers offering services in its
5 coverage area.

6 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
7 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
8 this subsection such sums as may be necessary for
9 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”; and

10 (9) by inserting after subsection (h), as so re-
11 designated, the following:

12 “(i) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
13 tion shall be construed—

14 “(1) to limit any right, remedy, or procedure
15 otherwise available to enforce the Violence Against
16 Women Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 119
17 Stat. 2960) and subsequent amendments prior to
18 the date of enactment of the Violence Against
19 Women Reauthorization Act of 2021; or

20 “(2) to supersede any provision of any Federal,
21 State, or local law that provides greater protection
22 than this section for victims of domestic violence,
23 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.”.

24 (b) NATIONAL VAWA VICTIMS RELOCATION POOL
25 VOUCHERS.—Section 8(o) of the United States Housing

1 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding
2 at the end the following:

3 “(21) NATIONAL VAWA VICTIMS RELOCATION
4 POOL VOUCHERS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
6 set aside, from amounts made available for
7 rental assistance under this subsection,
8 amounts for use only for providing such assist-
9 ance for the creation of a National VAWA Vic-
10 tims Relocation Pool, which shall provide rental
11 assistance on behalf of tenants, program par-
12 ticipants, or residents who are victims of do-
13 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
14 and stalking eligible for assistance under sec-
15 tion 41411(e) of the Violence Against Women
16 Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(e)).

17 “(B) TERMINATION OF VOUCHERS UPON
18 TURNOVER.—A public housing agency shall not
19 reissue assistance that is made available from
20 appropriated funds under this subsection for a
21 tenant, program participant, or resident when
22 the assistance for the tenant, program partici-
23 pant, or resident is lawfully terminated, unless
24 specifically authorized by the Secretary.

1 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
2 TIONS.—Beginning in fiscal year 2022 and each
3 fiscal year thereafter, there are authorized to be
4 appropriated \$20,000,000 to provide vouchers
5 for rental assistance under this paragraph.”.

6 **SEC. 602. ENSURING COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION;**
7 **PROHIBITING RETALIATION AGAINST VIC-**
8 **TIMS.**

9 Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence
10 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.)
11 is amended by inserting after section 41411 the following:

12 **“SEC. 41412. COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.**

13 “(a) REGULAR COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each appropriate agency
15 shall establish a process by which to review compli-
16 ance with the requirements of this subtitle, which
17 shall—

18 “(A) in consultation with the Violence
19 Against Women Director described in section
20 41413 and any other relevant officials of the
21 appropriate agency, be incorporated into other
22 existing compliance review processes of the ap-
23 propriate agency; and

24 “(B) examine—

1 “(i) covered housing provider compli-
2 ance with requirements prohibiting the de-
3 nial of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy
4 rights on the basis of domestic violence,
5 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

6 “(ii) covered housing provider compli-
7 ance with confidentiality provisions set
8 forth in section 41411(e)(4);

9 “(iii) covered housing provider compli-
10 ance with the notification requirements set
11 forth in section 41411(d)(2);

12 “(iv) covered housing provider compli-
13 ance with accepting documentation set
14 forth in section 41411(e);

15 “(v) covered housing provider compli-
16 ance with emergency transfer, external re-
17 ferral, and National VAWA Victims Relo-
18 cation Pool Voucher requirements set forth
19 in section 41411(e); and

20 “(vi) covered housing provider compli-
21 ance with the prohibition on retaliation set
22 forth in section 41414.

23 “(2) FREQUENCY.—Each appropriate agency
24 shall conduct the review described in paragraph (1)

1 on a regular basis, as determined by the appropriate
2 agency.

3 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of the Violence Against Women Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2021, each appropriate agency shall
6 issue regulations to implement subsection (a), which
7 shall—

8 “(1) define standards of compliance for covered
9 housing providers;

10 “(2) include detailed reporting requirements, in-
11 cluding the number of emergency transfers, external
12 referrals, and National VAWA Victims Relocation
13 Pool vouchers requested and granted, as well as the
14 length of time needed to process emergency trans-
15 fers, National VAWA Victims Relocation Pool
16 vouchers, and external referrals; and

17 “(3) include standards for corrective action
18 plans where a covered housing provider has failed to
19 meet compliance standards.

20 “(c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Each appropriate agen-
21 cy shall ensure that an agency-level assessment of the in-
22 formation collected during the compliance review process
23 completed pursuant to this subsection—

24 “(1) includes an evaluation of each topic identi-
25 fied in subsection (a); and

1 “(2) is made publicly available.

2 **“SEC. 41413. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DE-**
3 **VELOPMENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DI-**
4 **RECTOR.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be, within the
6 Office of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and
7 Urban Development, a Violence Against Women Director
8 (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’).

9 “(b) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

10 “(1) support implementation of the provisions
11 of this subtitle;

12 “(2) coordinate development of Federal regula-
13 tions, policy, protocols, and guidelines on matters re-
14 lating to the implementation of this subtitle, at each
15 agency administering a covered housing program;

16 “(3) advise and coordinate with designated offi-
17 cials within the United States Interagency Council
18 on Homelessness, the Department of Housing and
19 Urban Development, the Department of the Treas-
20 ury, the Department of Agriculture, the Department
21 of Health and Human Services, the Department of
22 Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Justice
23 concerning legislation, implementation, and other
24 issues relating to or affecting the housing provisions
25 under this subtitle;

1 “(4) provide technical assistance, coordination,
2 and support to each appropriate agency regarding
3 advancing housing protections and access to housing
4 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
5 ual assault, and stalking, including compliance with
6 this subtitle;

7 “(5) ensure that adequate technical assistance
8 is made available to covered housing providers re-
9 garding implementation of this subtitle, as well as
10 other issues related to advancing housing protections
11 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
12 ual assault, and stalking, including compliance with
13 this subtitle;

14 “(6) act as a liaison with the judicial branches
15 of Federal, State, and local governments on matters
16 relating to the housing needs of victims of domestic
17 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
18 ing;

19 “(7) implement a quality control system and a
20 corrective action plan system for those covered hous-
21 ing providers that fail to comply with this subtitle,
22 wherein—

23 “(A) covered housing providers completing
24 corrective action plans shall be required to con-
25 sult with national, State, or local programs fo-

1 cused on victims of domestic violence, dating vi-
2 olence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

3 “(B) the corrective action plans shall in-
4 clude provisions requiring covered housing pro-
5 viders to review and develop appropriate no-
6 tices, procedures, and staff training to improve
7 compliance with this subtitle, in consultation
8 with national, State, or local programs focused
9 on victims described in subparagraph (A);

10 “(8) establish a formal reporting process to re-
11 ceive individual complaints concerning noncompli-
12 ance with this subtitle;

13 “(9) coordinate the development of interagency
14 guidelines to improve the availability of centralized
15 information concerning available dwelling units for
16 use in facilitating the emergency transfer process;

17 “(10) coordinate the process for tracking of re-
18 quests, notice, and approval of National VAWA Vic-
19 tims Relocation Pool vouchers, and further imple-
20 ment, as necessary, any policies or procedures relat-
21 ing to the National VAWA Victims Relocation Pool
22 vouchers;

23 “(11) work with HUD regional offices to de-
24 velop a mechanism to implement regional external
25 referral plans and officials at each appropriate agen-

1 cy relating to the development of Federal regula-
2 tions, policy, protocols, and guidelines regarding uni-
3 form timeframes for the completion of emergency
4 transfers, National VAWA Victims Relocation Pool
5 vouchers, and external referrals;

6 “(12) coordinate with each appropriate agency
7 to ensure that standardized documents relating to
8 the implementation of this title are translated into
9 and made available in multiple languages, are acces-
10 sible to persons with disabilities, and made acces-
11 sible to covered housing providers within a reason-
12 able time upon adoption of the documents by the ap-
13 propriate agency;

14 “(13) ensure that the documents described in
15 paragraph (11), including guidance and notices to
16 victims, are distributed in commonly encountered
17 languages by covered housing providers consistent
18 with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
19 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and any guidance issued by
20 the appropriate agencies in accordance with Execu-
21 tive Order 13166 (42 U.S.C. 2000d–1 note; relating
22 to access to services for persons with limited English
23 proficiency); and

24 “(14) in consultation with each appropriate
25 agency, identify existing compliance review processes

1 that could incorporate the compliance reviews re-
2 quired under section 41412(a).

3 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
6 2022 through 2026.

7 **“SEC. 41414. PROHIBITION ON RETALIATION.**

8 “(a) NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—No cov-
9 ered housing provider shall discriminate against any per-
10 son because that person has opposed any act or practice
11 made unlawful by this subtitle, or because that individual
12 testified, assisted, or participated in any matter related
13 to this subtitle.

14 “(b) PROHIBITION ON COERCION.—No covered hous-
15 ing provider shall coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere
16 with, or retaliate against, any person in the exercise or
17 enjoyment of, or on account of the person having exercised
18 or enjoyed, or on account of the person having aided or
19 encouraged any other individual in the exercise or enjoy-
20 ment of, any rights or protections under this subtitle, in-
21 cluding—

22 “(1) intimidating or threatening any person be-
23 cause that person is assisting or encouraging an in-
24 dividual entitled to claim the rights or protections
25 under this subtitle; and

1 “(2) retaliating against any person because that
2 person has participated in any investigation or ac-
3 tion to enforce this subtitle.

4 “(c) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE SEC-
5 RETARY.—The authority of the Secretary of Housing and
6 Urban Development and the Office for Fair Housing and
7 Equal Opportunity to enforce this section shall be the
8 same as the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3610 et seq.).”.

9 **SEC. 603. PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME**
10 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title
12 IV of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
13 12491 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amend-
14 ed by inserting after section 41414 the following:

15 **“SEC. 41415. RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME AND EMERGENCIES**
16 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

17 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘covered
18 governmental entity’ means any municipal, county, or
19 State government that receives funding under section 106
20 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
21 (42 U.S.C. 5306).

22 “(b) RIGHT TO REPORT.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Landlords, homeowners,
24 residents, occupants, and guests of, and applicants
25 for, housing—

1 “(A) shall have the right to seek law en-
2 forcement or emergency assistance on their own
3 behalf or on behalf of another person in need
4 of assistance; and

5 “(B) shall not be penalized based on their
6 requests for assistance or based on criminal ac-
7 tivity of which they are a victim or otherwise
8 not at fault under statutes, ordinances, regula-
9 tions, or policies adopted or enforced by covered
10 governmental entities.

11 “(2) PROHIBITED PENALTIES.—Penalties that
12 are prohibited under paragraph (1) include—

13 “(A) actual or threatened assessment of
14 penalties, fees, or fines;

15 “(B) actual or threatened eviction;

16 “(C) actual or threatened refusal to rent
17 or renew tenancy;

18 “(D) actual or threatened refusal to issue
19 an occupancy permit or landlord permit; and

20 “(E) actual or threatened closure of the
21 property, or designation of the property as a
22 nuisance or a similarly negative designation.

23 “(c) REPORTING.—Consistent with the process de-
24 scribed in section 104(b) of the Housing and Community

1 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(b)), covered
2 governmental entities shall—

3 “(1) report any of their laws or policies, or, as
4 applicable, the laws or policies adopted by sub-
5 grantees, that impose penalties on landlords, home-
6 owners, residents, occupants, guests, or housing ap-
7 plicants based on requests for law enforcement or
8 emergency assistance or based on criminal activity
9 that occurred at a property; and

10 “(2) certify that they are in compliance with
11 the protections under this subtitle or describe the
12 steps the covered governmental entities will take
13 within 180 days to come into compliance, or to en-
14 sure compliance among subgrantees.

15 “(d) OVERSIGHT.—Oversight and accountability
16 mechanisms provided for under title VIII of the Civil
17 Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall be avail-
18 able to address violations of this section.

19 “(e) SUBGRANTEES.—For those covered govern-
20 mental entities that distribute funds to subgrantees, com-
21 pliance with subsection (c)(1) includes inquiring about the
22 existence of laws and policies adopted by subgrantees that
23 impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, residents, oc-
24 cupants, guests, or housing applicants based on requests

1 for law enforcement or emergency assistance or based on
2 criminal activity that occurred at a property.”.

3 (b) SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE CRIME REDUCTION
4 METHODS.—

5 (1) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USE OF BYRNE-
6 JAG FUNDS.—Section 501(a)(1) of subpart 1 of part
7 E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
8 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152(a)(1)) is
9 amended by adding after subparagraph (H) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(I) Programs for the development and im-
12 plementation of methods of reducing crime in
13 communities, to supplant punitive programs or
14 policies. For purposes of this subparagraph, a
15 punitive program or policy is a program or pol-
16 icy that—

17 “(i) imposes a penalty described in
18 section 41415(b)(2) of the Violence
19 Against Women Act of 1994 on the basis
20 of a request for law enforcement or emer-
21 gency assistance; or

22 “(ii) imposes a penalty described in
23 section 41415(b)(2) of the Violence
24 Against Women Act of 1994 on a landlord,
25 homeowner, tenant, program participant,

1 resident, occupant, or guest because of
2 criminal activity at the property, including
3 domestic violence dating violence, sexual
4 assault, and stalking, where the landlord,
5 homeowner, tenant, program participant,
6 resident, occupant, or guest was a victim
7 of such criminal activity.”.

8 (2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USE OF COPS
9 FUNDS.—Section 1701(b) of part Q of title I of the
10 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
11 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (22), by striking “and”
13 after the semicolon;

14 (B) in paragraph (23), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(24) to develop and implement methods of re-
18 ducing crime in communities, to supplant punitive
19 programs or policies (as such term is defined in sec-
20 tion 501(a)(1)(I)).”.

21 (3) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USE OF GRANTS
22 TO IMPROVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE POLI-
23 CIES.—Section 2101(b) of part U of title I of the
24 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
25 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461(b)), as amended by this Act,

1 is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(25) To develop and implement methods of re-
4 ducing crime in communities, to supplant punitive
5 programs or policies. For purposes of this para-
6 graph, a punitive program or policy is a program or
7 policy that—

8 “(A) imposes a penalty described in section
9 41415(b) of the Violence Against Women Act of
10 1994 on the basis of a request for law enforce-
11 ment or emergency assistance; or

12 “(B) imposes a penalty described in sec-
13 tion 41415(b) of the Violence Against Women
14 Act of 1994 on a landlord, homeowner, tenant,
15 program participant, resident, occupant, or
16 guest because of criminal activity at the prop-
17 erty, including domestic violence, dating vio-
18 lence, sexual assault, and stalking, where the
19 landlord, homeowner, tenant, program partici-
20 pant, resident, occupant, or guest was a victim
21 of such criminal activity.”.

1 **SEC. 604. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS**
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DAT-**
3 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALK-**
4 **ING.**

5 Section 40299 of the Violence Against Women Act
6 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12351) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
8 paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by striking “the Director of the Vio-
10 lence Against Women Office” and inserting
11 “the Director of the Office on Violence Against
12 Women”; and

13 (B) by inserting after “, other nonprofit,
14 nongovernmental organizations” the following:
15 “, population-specific organizations”; and

16 (2) in subsection (g)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2014
18 through 2018” and inserting “2022 through
19 2026”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “5 per-
21 cent” and inserting “8 percent”; and

22 (C) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “0.25
23 percent” and inserting “0.5 percent”.

1 **SEC. 605. ADDRESSING THE HOUSING NEEDS OF VICTIMS**
2 **OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
3 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING.**

4 (a) **McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE**
5 **GRANTS.**—Section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Home-
6 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11383(a)) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(13) Facilitating and coordinating activities to
9 ensure compliance with subsection (e) of section
10 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994
11 (34 U.S.C. 12491) and monitoring compliance with
12 the confidentiality protections of subsection (c)(4) of
13 such section.”.

14 (b) **COLLABORATIVE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE**
15 **LONG-TERM STABILITY OF VICTIMS.**—Section 41404(i)
16 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
17 12474(i)) is amended by striking “2014 through 2018”
18 and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

19 (c) **GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
20 **IN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.**—Section 41405 of
21 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
22 12475) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “the Director
24 of the Violence Against Women Office” and insert-
25 ing “the Director of the Office on Violence Against
26 Women”;

1 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(D), by inserting after
2 “linguistically and culturally specific service pro-
3 viders,” the following: “population-specific organiza-
4 tions,”; and

5 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through
6 2018” and inserting the following: “2022 through
7 2026”.

8 **SEC. 606. UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937 AMEND-**
9 **MENTS.**

10 Section 5A(d) of the United States Housing Act of
11 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e-1(d)) is amended—

12 (1) by amending paragraph (13) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(13) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,
15 SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING PROGRAMS.—

16 “(A) COPIES.—A copy of—

17 “(i) all standardized notices issued
18 pursuant to the housing protections under
19 subtitle N of the Violence Against Women
20 Act of 1994, including the notice required
21 under section 41411(d) of the Violence
22 Against Women Act of 1994;

23 “(ii) the emergency transfer plan
24 issued pursuant to section 41411 of the
25 Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

1 “(iii) any and all memoranda of un-
2 derstanding with other covered housing
3 providers developed to facilitate emergency
4 transfers under section 41411(e) of the Vi-
5 olence Against Women Act of 1994.

6 “(B) DESCRIPTIONS.—A description of—

7 “(i) any activities, services, or pro-
8 grams provided or offered by an agency, ei-
9 ther directly or in partnership with other
10 service providers, to child or adult victims
11 of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
12 ual assault, or stalking;

13 “(ii) any activities, services, or pro-
14 grams provided or offered by a public
15 housing agency that helps child and adult
16 victims of domestic violence, dating vio-
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain
18 or maintain housing;

19 “(iii) any activities, services, or pro-
20 grams provided or offered by a public
21 housing agency to prevent domestic vio-
22 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
23 stalking, or to enhance victim safety in as-
24 sisted families; and

1 “(iv) all training and support services
2 offered to staff of the public housing agen-
3 cy to provide a basic understanding of do-
4 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
5 sault, and stalking, and to facilitate imple-
6 mentation of the housing protections of
7 section 41411 of the Violence Against
8 Women Act of 1994.”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (16), by inserting “the Vio-
10 lence Against Women Act of 1994,” before “the
11 Fair Housing Act”.

12 **TITLE VII—ECONOMIC SECURITY** 13 **FOR VICTIMS**

14 **SEC. 701. FINDINGS.**

15 Congress finds the following:

16 (1) Over 1 in 3 women experience sexual vio-
17 lence, and 1 in 5 women have survived completed or
18 attempted rape. Such violence has a devastating im-
19 pact on women’s physical and emotional health, fi-
20 nancial security, and ability to maintain their jobs,
21 and thus impacts interstate commerce and economic
22 security.

23 (2) The Office on Violence Against Women of
24 the Department of Justice defines domestic violence
25 as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship

1 that is used by one intimate partner to gain or
2 maintain power and control over another intimate
3 partner. Domestic violence can include physical, sex-
4 ual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or
5 threats of actions that influence another person. Do-
6 mestic violence includes any behaviors that intimi-
7 date, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, ter-
8 rorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or
9 wound an individual.

10 (3) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
11 vention report that domestic violence or intimate
12 partner violence is a serious public health issue for
13 millions of individuals in the United States. Nearly
14 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men in the United States
15 have suffered sexual violence, physical violence, or
16 stalking by an intimate partner.

17 (4) Transgender and gender non-conforming
18 people face extraordinary levels of physical and sex-
19 ual violence.

20 (5) More than 1 in 4 transgender people have
21 faced bias-driven assault, and this rate is higher for
22 trans women and trans people of color.

23 (6) The American Foundation for Suicide Pre-
24 vention has found that transgender and gender non-
25 conforming people had an elevated prevalence of sui-

1 cide attempts, especially when they have suffered
2 physical or sexual violence.

3 (7) Homicide is one of the leading causes of
4 death for women on the job. Domestic partners or
5 relatives commit 43 percent of workplace homicides
6 against women. One study found that intimate part-
7 ner violence resulted in 142 homicides among women
8 at work in the United States from 2003 to 2008, a
9 figure which represents 22 percent of the 648 work-
10 place homicides among women during the period. In
11 fact, in 2010, homicides against women at work in-
12 creased by 13 percent despite continuous declines in
13 overall workplace homicides in recent years.

14 (8) Women in the United States are 11 times
15 more likely to be murdered with guns than women
16 in other high-income countries. Female intimate
17 partners are more likely to be murdered with a fire-
18 arm than all other means combined. The presence of
19 a gun in domestic violence situations increases the
20 risk of homicide for women by 500 percent.

21 (9) Violence can have a dramatic impact on the
22 survivor of such violence. Studies indicate that 44
23 percent of surveyed employed adults experienced the
24 effect of domestic violence in the workplace, and 64
25 percent indicated their workplace performance was

1 affected by such violence. Another recent survey
2 found that 78 percent of offenders used workplace
3 resources to express anger, check up on, pressure, or
4 threaten a survivor. Sexual assault, whether occur-
5 ring in or out of the workplace, can impair an em-
6 ployee's work performance, require time away from
7 work, and undermine the employee's ability to main-
8 tain a job. Nearly 50 percent of sexual assault sur-
9 vivors lose their jobs or are forced to quit in the
10 aftermath of the assaults.

11 (10) Studies find that 60 percent of single
12 women lack economic security and 81 percent of
13 households with single mothers live in economic inse-
14 curity. Significant barriers that survivors confront
15 include access to housing, transportation, and child
16 care. Ninety-two percent of homeless women have
17 experienced domestic violence, and more than 50
18 percent of such women cite domestic violence as the
19 direct cause for homelessness. Survivors are deprived
20 of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face
21 tremendous threats to their health and safety.

22 (11) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
23 vention report that survivors of severe intimate part-
24 ner violence lose nearly 8 million days of paid work,
25 which is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-

1 time jobs and almost 5,600,000 days of household
2 productivity each year. Therefore, women dispropor-
3 tionately need time off to care for their health or to
4 find safety solutions, such as obtaining a restraining
5 order or finding housing, to avoid or prevent further
6 violence.

7 (12) Annual costs of intimate partner violence
8 are estimated to be more than \$8,300,000,000. Ac-
9 cording to the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
10 vention, the costs of intimate partner violence
11 against women in 1995 exceeded an estimated
12 \$5,800,000,000. These costs included nearly
13 \$4,100,000,000 in the direct costs of medical and
14 mental health care and nearly \$1,800,000,000 in the
15 indirect costs of lost productivity. These statistics
16 are generally considered to be underestimated be-
17 cause the costs associated with the criminal justice
18 system are not included.

19 (13) Fifty-five percent of senior executives re-
20 cently surveyed said domestic violence has a harmful
21 effect on their company's productivity, and more
22 than 70 percent said domestic violence negatively af-
23 fects attendance. Seventy-eight percent of human re-
24 sources professionals consider partner violence a
25 workplace issue. However, more than 70 percent of

1 United States workplaces have no formal program or
2 policy that addresses workplace violence, let alone
3 domestic violence. In fact, only four percent of em-
4 ployers provided training on domestic violence.

5 (14) Studies indicate that one of the best pre-
6 dictors of whether a survivor will be able to stay
7 away from his or her abuser is the degree of his or
8 her economic independence. However, domestic vio-
9 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
10 often negatively impact a survivor's ability to main-
11 tain employment.

12 (15) Abusers frequently seek to exert financial
13 control over their partners by actively interfering
14 with their ability to work, including preventing their
15 partners from going to work, harassing their part-
16 ners at work, limiting their partners' access to cash
17 or transportation, and sabotaging their partners'
18 child care arrangements.

19 (16) Economic abuse refers to behaviors that
20 control an intimate partner's ability to acquire, use,
21 and maintain access to, money, credit, ownership of
22 assets, or access to governmental or private financial
23 benefits, including defaulting on joint obligations
24 (such as school loans, credit card debt, mortgages,
25 or rent). Other forms of such abuse may include pre-

1 venting someone from attending school, threatening
2 to or actually terminating employment, controlling
3 or withholding access to cash, checking, or credit ac-
4 counts, and attempting to damage or sabotage the
5 creditworthiness of an intimate partner, including
6 forcing an intimate partner to write bad checks,
7 forcing an intimate partner to default on payments
8 related to household needs, such as housing, or fore-
9 ing an intimate partner into bankruptcy.

10 (17) The Patient Protection and Affordable
11 Care Act (Public Law 111–148), and the amend-
12 ments made by such Act, ensures that most health
13 plans must cover preventive services, including
14 screening and counseling for domestic violence, at no
15 additional cost. In addition, it prohibits insurance
16 companies from discriminating against patients for
17 preexisting conditions, like domestic violence.

18 (18) Yet, more can be done to help survivors.
19 Federal law in effect on the day before the date of
20 enactment of this Act does not explicitly—

21 (A) authorize survivors of domestic vio-
22 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
23 ing to take leave from work to seek legal assist-
24 ance and redress, counseling, or assistance with
25 safety planning activities;

1 (B) address the eligibility of survivors of
2 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
3 sault, or stalking for unemployment compensa-
4 tion;

5 (C) provide job protection to survivors of
6 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
7 sault, or stalking;

8 (D) prohibit insurers and employers who
9 self-insure employee benefits from discrimi-
10 nating against survivors of domestic violence,
11 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and
12 those who help them in determining eligibility,
13 rates charged, and standards for payment of
14 claims; or

15 (E) prohibit insurers from disclosing infor-
16 mation about abuse and the location of the sur-
17 vivors through insurance databases and other
18 means.

19 (19) This Act aims to empower survivors of do-
20 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
21 stalking to be free from violence, hardship, and con-
22 trol, which restrains basic human rights to freedom
23 and safety in the United States.

1 **SEC. 702. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON WORKPLACE**
2 **RESPONSES TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMES-**
3 **TIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**

4 Section 41501 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
5 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12501) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by inserting “and sexual harassment”
9 after “domestic and sexual violence”; and

10 (B) by striking “employers and labor orga-
11 nizations” and inserting “employers, labor or-
12 ganizations, and victim service providers”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
15 and inserting a semicolon;

16 (B) in paragraph (3)—

17 (i) by striking “and stalking” and in-
18 serting “stalking, and sexual harassment”;
19 and

20 (ii) by striking the period at the end
21 and inserting a semicolon;

22 (C) by adding the following new para-
23 graph:

24 “(4) a plan to enhance the capacity of survivors
25 to obtain and maintain employment to include the
26 implementation of a demonstration pilot program

1 ‘Pathways to Opportunity’ which builds collabora-
2 tions between and among victim service providers,
3 workforce development programs, and educational
4 and vocational institutions to provide trauma in-
5 formed programming to support survivors seeking
6 employment and centered around culturally specific
7 organizations or organizations that primarily serve
8 populations traditionally marginalized in the work-
9 place.”.

10 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting before the
11 period at the end “or sexual harassment”;

12 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by inserting “or
13 sexual harassment” after “sexual violence”; and

14 (5) in subsection (e), by striking “\$1,000,000
15 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-
16 serting “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
17 through 2026”.

18 **SEC. 703. ENTITLEMENT TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSA-**
19 **TION FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND OTHER**
20 **HARASSMENT AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC**
21 **VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.**

22 (a) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—

23 (1) Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue
24 Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the
25 end of paragraph (18), by redesignating paragraph

1 (19) as paragraph (20), and by inserting after para-
2 graph (18) the following new paragraph:

3 “(19) no person may be denied compensation
4 under such State law solely on the basis of the indi-
5 vidual having a voluntary separation from work if
6 such separation is attributable to such individual
7 being a victim of sexual or other harassment or a
8 survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or
9 stalking; and”.

10 (2) Section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code
11 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new subsection:

13 “(g) SEXUAL OR OTHER HARASSMENT; ETC.—

14 “(1) DOCUMENTATION.—For purposes of sub-
15 section (a)(19), a voluntary separation of an indi-
16 vidual shall be considered to be attributable to such
17 individual being a survivor or victim of sexual or
18 other harassment or a survivor of domestic violence,
19 sexual assault, or stalking if such individual submits
20 such evidence as the State deems sufficient.

21 “(2) SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION.—For pur-
22 poses of paragraph (1), a State shall deem suffi-
23 cient, at a minimum—

24 “(A) evidence of such harassment, violence,
25 assault, or stalking in the form of—

1 “(i) a sworn statement and a form of
2 identification;

3 “(ii) a police or court record; or

4 “(iii) documentation from a victim
5 service provider, an attorney, a police offi-
6 cer, a medical professional, a social worker,
7 an antiviolence counselor, a member of the
8 clergy, or another professional; and

9 “(B) an attestation that such voluntary
10 separation is attributable to such harassment,
11 violence, assault, or stalking.

12 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-
13 tion—

14 “(A) The terms ‘domestic violence’, ‘sexual
15 assault’, ‘stalking’, ‘victim of sexual or other
16 harassment’, and ‘survivor of domestic violence,
17 sexual assault, or stalking’ have the meanings
18 given such terms under State law, regulation,
19 or policy.

20 “(B) The term ‘victim service provider’ has
21 the meaning given such term in section 40002
22 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.”.

23 (b) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PERSONNEL
24 TRAINING.—Section 303(a) of the Social Security Act (42
25 U.S.C. 503(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
2 (12) as paragraphs (5) through (13), respectively;
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(4)(A) Such methods of administration as will
7 ensure that—

8 “(i) applicants for unemployment com-
9 pensation and individuals inquiring about such
10 compensation are notified of the provisions of
11 section 3304(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue
12 Code of 1986; and

13 “(ii) claims reviewers and hearing per-
14 sonnel are trained in—

15 “(I) the nature and dynamics of sex-
16 ual and other harassment, domestic vio-
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

18 “(II) methods of ascertaining and
19 keeping confidential information about pos-
20 sible experiences of sexual and other har-
21 assment, domestic violence, sexual assault,
22 or stalking to ensure that—

23 “(aa) requests for unemployment
24 compensation based on separations
25 stemming from sexual and other har-

1 assessment, domestic violence, sexual as-
2 sault, or stalking are identified and
3 adjudicated; and

4 “(bb) confidentiality is provided
5 for the individual’s claim and sub-
6 mitted evidence.

7 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph—

8 “(i) the terms ‘domestic violence’, ‘sexual
9 assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the meanings given
10 such terms in section 40002 of the Violence
11 Against Women Act of 1994;

12 “(ii) the term ‘sexual and other harass-
13 ment’ has the meaning given such term under
14 State law, regulation, or policy; and

15 “(iii) the term ‘survivor of domestic vio-
16 lence, sexual assault, or stalking’ means—

17 “(I) a person who has experienced or
18 is experiencing domestic violence, sexual
19 assault, or stalking; and

20 “(II) a person whose family or house-
21 hold member has experienced or is experi-
22 encing domestic violence, sexual assault, or
23 stalking.”.

1 (c) TANF PERSONNEL TRAINING.—Section 402(a)
2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(8) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL
5 PROVIDE INFORMATION TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL
6 AND OTHER HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
7 SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A certification by the
9 chief executive officer of the State that the
10 State has established and is enforcing stand-
11 ards and procedures to—

12 “(i) ensure that applicants for assist-
13 ance under the State program funded
14 under this part and individuals inquiring
15 about such assistance are adequately noti-
16 fied of—

17 “(I) the provisions of section
18 3304(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue
19 Code of 1986; and

20 “(II) assistance made available
21 by the State to survivors of sexual
22 and other harassment, domestic vio-
23 lence, sexual assault, or stalking;

24 “(ii) ensure that case workers and
25 other agency personnel responsible for ad-

1 ministering the State program funded
2 under this part are adequately trained in—

3 “(I) the nature and dynamics of
4 sexual and other harassment, domes-
5 tic violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
6 ing;

7 “(II) State standards and proce-
8 dures relating to the prevention of,
9 and assistance for individuals who are
10 survivors of sexual and other harass-
11 ment, domestic violence, sexual as-
12 sault, or stalking; and

13 “(III) methods of ascertaining
14 and keeping confidential information
15 about possible experiences of sexual
16 and other harassment, domestic vio-
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking;

18 “(iii) ensure that, if a State has elect-
19 ed to establish and enforce standards and
20 procedures regarding the screening for,
21 and identification of, domestic violence
22 pursuant to paragraph (7)—

23 “(I) applicants for assistance
24 under the State program funded
25 under this part and individuals inquir-

1 ing about such assistance are ade-
2 quately notified of options available
3 under such standards and procedures;
4 and

5 “(II) case workers and other
6 agency personnel responsible for ad-
7 ministering the State program funded
8 under this part are provided with ade-
9 quate training regarding such stand-
10 ards and procedures and options
11 available under such standards and
12 procedures; and

13 “(iv) ensure that the training required
14 under subparagraphs (B) and, if applica-
15 ble, (C)(ii) is provided through a training
16 program operated by an eligible entity.

17 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
18 paragraph—

19 “(i) the terms ‘domestic violence’,
20 ‘sexual assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the
21 meanings given such terms in section
22 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act
23 of 1994;

1 “(ii) the term ‘sexual and other har-
2 assment’ has the meaning given such term
3 under State law, regulation, or policy; and

4 “(iii) the term ‘survivor of domestic
5 violence, sexual assault, or stalking’
6 means—

7 “(I) a person who has experi-
8 enced or is experiencing domestic vio-
9 lence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

10 “(II) a person whose family or
11 household member has experienced or
12 is experiencing domestic violence, sex-
13 ual assault, or stalking.”.

14 (d) SEXUAL AND OTHER HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING TRAINING
16 GRANT PROGRAM.—

17 (1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
18 Labor (in this subsection referred to as the “Sec-
19 retary”) is authorized to award—

20 (A) a grant to a national victim service
21 provider in order for such organization to—

22 (i) develop and disseminate a model
23 training program (and related materials)
24 for the training required under section
25 303(a)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act, as

1 added by subsection (b), and under sub-
2 paragraph (B) and, if applicable, subpara-
3 graph (C)(ii) of section 402(a)(8) of such
4 Act, as added by subsection (c); and

5 (ii) provide technical assistance with
6 respect to such model training program,
7 including technical assistance to the tem-
8 porary assistance for needy families pro-
9 gram and unemployment compensation
10 personnel; and

11 (B) grants to State, Tribal, or local agen-
12 cies in order for such agencies to contract with
13 eligible entities to provide State, Tribal, or local
14 caseworkers and other State, Tribal, or local
15 agency personnel responsible for administering
16 the temporary assistance for needy families pro-
17 gram established under part A of title IV of the
18 Social Security Act in a State or Indian res-
19 ervation with the training required under sub-
20 paragraph (B) and, if applicable, subparagraph
21 (C)(ii) of such section 402(a)(8).

22 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For purposes
23 of paragraph (1)(B), the term “eligible entity”
24 means an entity—

25 (A) that is—

1 (i) a State or Tribal domestic violence
2 coalition or sexual assault coalition;

3 (ii) a State or local victim service pro-
4 vider with recognized expertise in the dy-
5 namics of domestic violence, sexual assault,
6 or stalking whose primary mission is to
7 provide services to survivors of domestic vi-
8 olence, sexual assault, or stalking, includ-
9 ing a rape crisis center or domestic vio-
10 lence program; or

11 (iii) an organization with dem-
12 onstrated expertise in State or county wel-
13 fare laws and implementation of such laws
14 and experience with disseminating informa-
15 tion on such laws and implementation, but
16 only if such organization will provide the
17 required training in partnership with an
18 entity described in clause (i) or (ii); and

19 (B) that—

20 (i) has demonstrated expertise in the
21 dynamics of both domestic violence and
22 sexual assault, such as a joint domestic vi-
23 olence and sexual assault coalition; or

24 (ii) will provide the required training
25 in partnership with an entity described in

1 clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) in
2 order to comply with the dual domestic vio-
3 lence and sexual assault expertise require-
4 ment under clause (i).

5 (3) APPLICATION.—An entity seeking a grant
6 under this subsection shall submit an application to
7 the Secretary at such time, in such form and man-
8 ner, and containing such information as the Sec-
9 retary specifies.

10 (4) REPORTS.—

11 (A) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
12 than a year after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary
14 shall submit to Congress a report on the grant
15 program established under this subsection.

16 (B) REPORTS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.—
17 The Secretary shall establish procedures for the
18 dissemination to the public of each report sub-
19 mitted under subparagraph (A). Such proce-
20 dures shall include the use of the internet to
21 disseminate such reports.

22 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to
24 be appropriated—

1 (i) \$1,000,000 fo fiscal year 2022 to
2 carry out the provisions of paragraph
3 (1)(A); and

4 (ii) \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal
5 years 2022 through 2026 to carry out the
6 provisions of paragraph (1)(B).

7 (B) THREE-YEAR AVAILABILITY OF GRANT
8 FUNDS.—Each recipient of a grant under this
9 subsection shall return to the Secretary any un-
10 used portion of such grant not later than 3
11 years after the date the grant was awarded, to-
12 gether with any earnings on such unused por-
13 tion.

14 (C) AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Any amounts
15 returned pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be
16 available without further appropriation to the
17 Secretary for the purpose of carrying out the
18 provisions of paragraph (1)(B).

19 (e) EFFECT ON EXISTING LAWS, ETC.—

20 (1) MORE PROTECTIVE LAWS, AGREEMENTS,
21 PROGRAMS, AND PLANS.—Nothing in this title shall
22 be construed to supersede any provision of any Fed-
23 eral, State, or local law, collective bargaining agree-
24 ment, or employment benefits program or plan that
25 provides greater unemployment insurance benefits

1 for survivors of sexual and other harassment, domes-
2 tic violence, sexual assault, or stalking than the
3 rights established under this title.

4 (2) LESS PROTECTIVE LAWS, AGREEMENTS,
5 PROGRAMS, AND PLANS.—Any law, collective bar-
6 gaining agreement, or employment benefits program
7 or plan of a State or unit of local government is pre-
8 empted to the extent that such law, agreement, or
9 program or plan would impair the exercise of any
10 right established under this title or the amendments
11 made by this title.

12 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply to weeks of unemployment
15 beginning on or after the earlier of—

16 (A) the date the State changes its statutes,
17 regulations, or policies in order to comply with
18 such amendments; or

19 (B) January 1, 2023.

20 (2) TANF AMENDMENT.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
22 subparagraph (B), the amendment made by
23 subsection (c) shall take effect on the date of
24 enactment of this Act.

1 (B) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
2 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—In the case of a
3 State plan under part A of title IV of the Social
4 Security Act which the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services determines requires State ac-
6 tion (including legislation, regulation, or other
7 administrative action) in order for the plan to
8 meet the additional requirements imposed by
9 the amendment made by subsection (c), the
10 State plan shall not be regarded as failing to
11 comply with the requirements of such amend-
12 ment on the basis of its failure to meet these
13 additional requirements before the first day of
14 the first calendar quarter beginning after the
15 close of the first regular session of the State
16 legislature that begins after the date of enact-
17 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous
18 sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-
19 year legislative session, each year of the session
20 is considered to be a separate regular session of
21 the State legislature.

22 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “do-
23 mestic violence”, “sexual assault”, “stalking”, “survivor
24 of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking”, and “vic-

1 tim service provider” have the meanings given such terms
2 in section 3304(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

3 **SEC. 704. STUDY AND REPORTS ON BARRIERS TO SUR-**
4 **VIVORS’ ECONOMIC SECURITY ACCESS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall
7 conduct a study on the barriers that survivors of domestic
8 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
9 throughout the United States experience in maintaining
10 economic security as a result of issues related to domestic
11 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

12 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date
13 of enactment of this title, and every 5 years thereafter,
14 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consulta-
15 tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall submit a report
16 to Congress on the study conducted under subsection (a).

17 (c) CONTENTS.—The study and reports under this
18 section shall include—

19 (1) identification of geographic areas in which
20 State laws, regulations, and practices have a strong
21 impact on the ability of survivors of domestic vio-
22 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to
23 exercise—

24 (A) any rights under this Act without com-
25 promising personal safety or the safety of oth-

1 ers, including family members and excluding
2 the abuser; and

3 (B) other components of economic security,
4 including financial empowerment, affordable
5 housing, transportation, healthcare access, and
6 quality education and training opportunities;

7 (2) identification of geographic areas with
8 shortages in resources for such survivors, with an
9 accompanying analysis of the extent and impact of
10 such shortage;

11 (3) analysis of factors related to industries,
12 workplace settings, employer practices, trends, and
13 other elements that impact the ability of such sur-
14 vivors to exercise any rights under this Act without
15 compromising personal safety or the safety of others,
16 including family members;

17 (4) the recommendations of the Secretary of
18 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of
19 Labor with respect to resources, oversight, and en-
20 forcement tools to ensure successful implementation
21 of the provisions of this Act in order to support the
22 economic security and safety of survivors of domestic
23 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
24 and

1 (5) best practices for States, employers, health
2 carriers, insurers, and other private entities in ad-
3 dressing issues related to domestic violence, dating
4 violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

5 **SEC. 705. GAO STUDY.**

6 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
7 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
8 shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education,
9 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that examines,
10 with respect to survivors of domestic violence, dating vio-
11 lence, sexual assault, or stalking who are, or were, enrolled
12 at institutions of higher education and borrowed a loan
13 made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV of the Higher
14 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) for which
15 the survivors have not repaid the total interest and prin-
16 cipal due, each of the following:

17 (1) The implications of domestic violence, dat-
18 ing violence, sexual assault, or stalking on a bor-
19 rower's ability to repay their Federal student loans.

20 (2) The adequacy of policies and procedures re-
21 garding Federal student loan deferment, forbear-
22 ance, and grace periods when a survivor has to sus-
23 pend or terminate the survivor's enrollment at an in-
24 stitution of higher education due to domestic vio-
25 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

1 (3) The adequacy of institutional policies and
2 practices regarding retention or transfer of credits
3 when a survivor has to suspend or terminate the
4 survivor's enrollment at an institution of higher edu-
5 cation due to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
6 ual assault, or stalking.

7 (4) The availability or any options for a sur-
8 vivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
9 sault, or stalking who attended an institution of
10 higher education that committed unfair, deceptive,
11 or abusive acts or practices, or otherwise substan-
12 tially misrepresented information to students, to be
13 able to seek a defense to repayment of the survivor's
14 Federal student loan.

15 (5) The limitations faced by a survivor of do-
16 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
17 stalking to obtain any relief or restitution on the
18 survivor's Federal student loan debt due to the use
19 of forced arbitration, gag orders, or bans on class
20 actions.

21 **SEC. 706. EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAMS FOR**
22 **SURVIVORS.**

23 (a) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in
25 conjunction with the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services (through the Director of the Cen-
2 ters for Disease Control and Prevention and the
3 grant recipient under section 41501 of the Violence
4 Against Women Act of 1994 that establishes the na-
5 tional resource center on workplace responses to as-
6 sist victims of domestic and sexual violence) and the
7 Attorney General (through the Principal Deputy Di-
8 rector of the Office on Violence Against Women),
9 shall coordinate and provide for a national public
10 outreach and education campaign to raise public
11 awareness of the workplace impact of domestic vio-
12 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,
13 including outreach and education for employers,
14 service providers, teachers, and other key partners.
15 This campaign shall pay special attention to ensure
16 that survivors are made aware of the existence of the
17 following types of workplace laws (federal and/or
18 State): anti-discrimination laws that bar treating
19 survivors differently; leave laws, both paid and un-
20 paid that are available for use by survivors; unem-
21 ployment insurance laws and policies that address
22 survivor eligibility.

23 (2) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary of Labor,
24 in conjunction with the Secretary of Health and
25 Human Services and the Attorney General, as de-

1 scribed in paragraph (1), may disseminate informa-
2 tion through the public outreach and education cam-
3 paign on the resources and rights referred to in this
4 subsection directly or through arrangements with
5 health agencies, professional and nonprofit organiza-
6 tions, consumer groups, labor organizations, institu-
7 tions of higher education, clinics, the media, and
8 Federal, State, and local agencies.

9 (3) INFORMATION.—The information dissemi-
10 nated under paragraph (2) shall include, at a min-
11 imum, a description of—

12 (A) the resources and rights that are—

13 (i) available to survivors of domestic
14 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
15 stalking; and

16 (ii) established in this Act and the Vi-
17 olence Against Women Act of 1994 (34
18 U.S.C. 12291 et seq.);

19 (B) guidelines and best practices on pre-
20 vention of domestic violence, dating violence,
21 stalking, and sexual assault;

22 (C) resources that promote healthy rela-
23 tionships and communication skills;

24 (D) resources that encourage bystander
25 intervention in a situation involving domestic vi-

1 olence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual as-
2 sault;

3 (E) resources that promote workplace poli-
4 cies that support and help maintain the eco-
5 nomic security of survivors of domestic violence,
6 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in-
7 cluding guidelines and best practices to promote
8 the creation of effective employee assistance
9 programs; and

10 (F) resources and rights that the heads of
11 Federal agencies described in paragraph (2) de-
12 termine are appropriate to include.

13 (4) COMMON LANGUAGES.—The Secretary of
14 Labor shall ensure that the information dissemi-
15 nated to survivors under paragraph (2) is made
16 available in commonly encountered languages.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) EMPLOYEE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “employee”
20 means any individual employed by an employer.
21 In the case of an individual employed by a pub-
22 lic agency, such term means an individual em-
23 ployed as described in section 3(e)(2) of the
24 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
25 203(e)(2)).

1 (B) BASIS.—The term includes a person
2 employed as described in subparagraph (A) on
3 a full- or part-time basis, for a fixed time pe-
4 riod, on a temporary basis, pursuant to a detail,
5 or as a participant in a work assignment as a
6 condition of receipt of Federal or State income-
7 based public assistance.

8 (2) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer”—

9 (A) means any person engaged in com-
10 merce or in any industry or activity affecting
11 commerce who employs 15 or more individuals;
12 and

13 (B) includes any person acting directly or
14 indirectly in the interest of an employer in rela-
15 tion to an employee, and includes a public agen-
16 cy that employs individuals as described in sec-
17 tion 3(e)(2) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
18 1938, but does not include any labor organiza-
19 tion (other than when acting as an employer) or
20 anyone acting in the capacity of officer or agent
21 of such labor organization.

22 (3) FLSA TERMS.—The terms “employ” and
23 “State” have the meanings given the terms in sec-
24 tion 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29
25 U.S.C. 203).

1 (c) STUDY ON WORKPLACE RESPONSES.—The Sec-
2 retary of Labor, in conjunction with the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services, shall conduct a study on the
4 status of workplace responses to employees who experience
5 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
6 ing while employed, in each State and nationally, to im-
7 prove the access of survivors of domestic violence, dating
8 violence, sexual assault, or stalking to supportive resources
9 and economic security.

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
12 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
13 2022 through 2026.

14 **SEC. 707. SEVERABILITY.**

15 If any provision of this Act, any amendment made
16 by this Act, or the application of such provision or amend-
17 ment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconsti-
18 tutional, the remainder of the provisions of this Act, the
19 amendments made by this Act, and the application of such
20 provisions or amendments to any person or circumstance
21 shall not be affected.

1 **TITLE VIII—HOMICIDE**
2 **REDUCTION INITIATIVES**

3 **SEC. 801. PROHIBITING PERSONS CONVICTED OF MIS-**
4 **DEMEANOR CRIMES AGAINST DATING PART-**
5 **NERS AND PERSONS SUBJECT TO PROTEC-**
6 **TION ORDERS.**

7 Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (32), by striking all that fol-
10 lows after “The term ‘intimate partner’” and insert-
11 ing the following: “—

12 “(A) means, with respect to a person, the
13 spouse of the person, a former spouse of the
14 person, an individual who is a parent of a child
15 of the person, and an individual who cohabi-
16 tates or has cohabited with the person; and

17 “(B) includes—

18 “(i) a dating partner or former dating
19 partner (as defined in section 2266); and

20 “(ii) any other person similarly situ-
21 ated to a spouse who is protected by the
22 domestic or family violence laws of the
23 State or Tribal jurisdiction in which the
24 injury occurred or where the victim re-
25 sides.”;

1 (2) in paragraph (33)(A)—

2 (A) in clause (i), by inserting after “Fed-
3 eral, State,” the following: “municipal,”; and

4 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “intimate
5 partner,” after “spouse,” each place it appears;

6 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (34) and (35)
7 as paragraphs (35) and (36) respectively; and

8 (4) by inserting after paragraph (33) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(34)(A) The term ‘misdemeanor crime of stalking’
11 means an offense that—

12 “(i) is a misdemeanor crime of stalking under
13 Federal, State, Tribal, or municipal law; and

14 “(ii) is a course of harassment, intimidation, or
15 surveillance of another person that—

16 “(I) places that person in reasonable fear
17 of material harm to the health or safety of—

18 “(aa) that person;

19 “(bb) an immediate family member
20 (as defined in section 115) of that person;

21 “(cc) a household member of that per-
22 son; or

23 “(dd) a spouse or intimate partner of
24 that person; or

1 “(II) causes, attempts to cause, or would
2 reasonably be expected to cause emotional dis-
3 tress to a person described in item (aa), (bb),
4 (cc), or (dd) of subclause (I).

5 “(B) A person shall not be considered to have been
6 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter,
7 unless—

8 “(i) the person was represented by counsel in
9 the case, or knowingly and intelligently waived the
10 right to counsel in the case; and

11 “(ii) in the case of a prosecution for an offense
12 described in this paragraph for which a person was
13 entitled to a jury trial in the jurisdiction in which
14 the case was tried, either—

15 “(I) the case was tried by a jury; or

16 “(II) the person knowingly and intel-
17 ligently waived the right to have the case tried
18 by a jury, by guilty plea or otherwise.

19 “(C) A person shall not be considered to have been
20 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter
21 if the conviction has been expunged or set aside, or is an
22 offense for which the person has been pardoned or has
23 had civil rights restored (if the law of the applicable juris-
24 diction provides for the loss of civil rights under such an
25 offense) unless the pardon, expungement, or restoration

1 of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not
2 ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.”.

3 **SEC. 802. PROHIBITING STALKERS AND INDIVIDUALS SUB-**
4 **JECT TO COURT ORDER FROM POSSESSING A**
5 **FIREARM.**

6 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “that re-
10 strains such person” and all that follows, and
11 inserting “described in subsection (g)(8);”;

12 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
15 following:

16 “(10) who has been convicted in any court of
17 a misdemeanor crime of stalking.”; and

18 (2) in subsection (g)—

19 (A) by amending paragraph (8) to read as
20 follows:

21 “(8) who is subject to a court order—

22 “(A) that was issued—

23 “(i) after a hearing of which such per-
24 son received actual notice, and at which

1 such person had an opportunity to partici-
2 pate; or

3 “(ii) in the case of an ex parte order,
4 relative to which notice and opportunity to
5 be heard are provided—

6 “(I) within the time required by
7 State, Tribal, or territorial law; and

8 “(II) in any event within a rea-
9 sonable time after the order is issued,
10 sufficient to protect the due process
11 rights of the person;

12 “(B) that restrains such person from—

13 “(i) harassing, stalking, or threat-
14 ening an intimate partner of such person
15 or child of such intimate partner or person,
16 or engaging in other conduct that would
17 place an intimate partner in reasonable
18 fear of bodily injury to the partner or
19 child; or

20 “(ii) intimidating or dissuading a wit-
21 ness from testifying in court; and

22 “(C) that—

23 “(i) includes a finding that such per-
24 son represents a credible threat to the

1 physical safety of such individual described
2 in subparagraph (B); or

3 “(ii) by its terms explicitly prohibits
4 the use, attempted use, or threatened use
5 of physical force against such individual
6 described in subparagraph (B) that would
7 reasonably be expected to cause bodily in-
8 jury;”;

9 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the
10 comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
12 following:

13 “(10) who has been convicted in any court of
14 a misdemeanor crime of stalking,”.

15 **TITLE IX—SAFETY FOR INDIAN** 16 **WOMEN**

17 **SEC. 901. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

18 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

19 (1) American Indians and Alaska Natives are
20 2.5 times as likely to experience violent crimes—and
21 at least 2 times more likely to experience rape or
22 sexual assault crimes—compared to all other races.

23 (2) More than 4 in 5 American Indian and
24 Alaska Native women, or 84.3 percent, have experi-
25 enced violence in their lifetime.

1 (3) The vast majority of Native victims—96
2 percent of women and 89 percent of male victims—
3 report being victimized by a non-Indian.

4 (4) Native victims of sexual violence are three
5 times as likely to have experienced sexual violence by
6 an interracial perpetrator as non-Hispanic White
7 victims and Native stalking victims are nearly 4
8 times as likely to be stalked by someone of a dif-
9 ferent race.

10 (5) While Tribes exercising jurisdiction over
11 non-Indians have reported significant successes, the
12 inability to prosecute crimes related to the Special
13 Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction crimes con-
14 tinues to leave Tribes unable to fully hold domestic
15 violence offenders accountable.

16 (6) Tribal prosecutors report that the majority
17 of domestic violence cases involve children either as
18 witnesses or victims, and Department of Justice re-
19 ports that American Indian and Alaska Native chil-
20 dren suffer exposure to violence at rates higher than
21 any other race in the United States.

22 (7) Childhood exposure to violence has imme-
23 diate and long-term effects, including: increased
24 rates of altered neurological development, poor phys-
25 ical and mental health, poor school performance,

1 substance abuse, and overrepresentation in the juve-
2 nile justice system.

3 (8) According to the Centers for Disease Con-
4 trol and Prevention, homicide is the third leading
5 cause of death among American Indian and Alaska
6 Native women between 10 and 24 years of age and
7 the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian
8 and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years
9 of age.

10 (9) On some reservations, Indian women are
11 murdered at more than 10 times the national aver-
12 age.

13 (10) According to a 2010 Government Account-
14 ability Office report, United States Attorneys de-
15 clined to prosecute nearly 52 percent of violent
16 crimes that occur in Indian country.

17 (11) Investigation into cases of missing and
18 murdered Indian women is made difficult for Tribal
19 law enforcement agencies due to a lack of resources,
20 such as—

21 (A) necessary training, equipment, or
22 funding;

23 (B) a lack of interagency cooperation; and

24 (C) a lack of appropriate laws in place.

1 (12) Domestic violence calls are among the
2 most dangerous calls that law enforcement receives.

3 (13) The complicated jurisdictional scheme that
4 exists in Indian country—

5 (A) has a significant negative impact on
6 the ability to provide public safety to Indian
7 communities;

8 (B) has been increasingly exploited by
9 criminals; and

10 (C) requires a high degree of commitment
11 and cooperation among Tribal, Federal, and
12 State law enforcement officials.

13 (14) Restoring and enhancing local, Tribal ca-
14 pacity to address violence against women provides
15 for greater local control, safety, accountability, and
16 transparency.

17 (15) In States with restrictive land settlement
18 acts such as Alaska, “Indian country” is limited, re-
19 sources for local Tribal responses either nonexistent
20 or insufficient to meet the needs, jurisdiction unnec-
21 essarily complicated and increases the already high
22 levels of victimization of American Indian and Alas-
23 ka Native women. According to the Tribal Law and
24 Order Act Commission Report, Alaska Native
25 women are over-represented in the domestic violence

1 victim population by 250 percent; they comprise 19
2 percent of the State population, but are 47 percent
3 of reported rape victims. And among other Indian
4 Tribes, Alaska Native women suffer the highest
5 rates of domestic and sexual violence in the country.

6 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

7 (1) to clarify the responsibilities of Federal,
8 State, Tribal, and local governments with respect to
9 responding to cases of domestic violence, dating vio-
10 lence, stalking, trafficking, sexual violence, crimes
11 against children, and assault against Tribal law en-
12 forcement officers and murdered Indians;

13 (2) to increase coordination and communication
14 among Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforce-
15 ment agencies;

16 (3) to empower Tribal governments with the re-
17 sources and information necessary to effectively re-
18 spond to cases of domestic violence, dating violence,
19 stalking, sex trafficking, sexual violence, and missing
20 and murdered Indians; and

21 (4) to increase the collection of data related to
22 missing and murdered Indians and the sharing of in-
23 formation among Federal, State, and Tribal officials
24 responsible for responding to and investigating cases
25 of missing and murdered Indians.

1 **SEC. 902. AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE TRIBAL ACCESS**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 534 of title 28, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 is authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of
8 fiscal years 2022 through 2026, to remain available until
9 expended, for the purposes of enhancing the ability of
10 Tribal government entities to access, enter information
11 into, and obtain information from, Federal criminal infor-
12 mation databases, as authorized by this section.”.

13 (b) INDIAN TRIBE AND INDIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 INFORMATION SHARING.—Section 534 of title 28, United
15 States Code, is further amended by amending subsection
16 (d) to read as follows:

17 “(d) INDIAN TRIBE AND INDIAN LAW ENFORCE-
18 MENT INFORMATION SHARING.—The Attorney General
19 shall permit Tribal law enforcement entities (including en-
20 tities designated by a Tribe as maintaining public safety
21 within a Tribe’s territorial jurisdiction that has no federal
22 or state arrest authority) and Bureau of Indian Affairs
23 law enforcement agencies—

24 “(1) to access and enter information into Fed-
25 eral criminal information databases; and

1 “(2) to obtain information from the data-
2 bases.”.

3 **SEC. 903. TRIBAL JURISDICTION OVER COVERED CRIMES**
4 **OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
5 **OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIO-**
6 **LENCE, SEX TRAFFICKING, STALKING, AND**
7 **ASSAULT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
8 **OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER.**

9 Section 204 of Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304)
10 (commonly known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of
11 1968”) is amended—

12 (1) in the heading, by striking “**CRIMES OF**
13 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**” and inserting “**CRIMES**
14 **OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
15 **OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE,**
16 **SEX TRAFFICKING, STALKING, AND ASSAULT**
17 **OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS**
18 **OFFICER**”;

19 (2) in subsection (a)(6), in the heading, by
20 striking “**SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL**
21 **JURISDICTION**” and inserting “**SPECIAL TRIBAL**
22 **CRIMINAL JURISDICTION**”;

23 (3) by striking “special domestic violence crimi-
24 nal jurisdiction” each place such term appears and
25 inserting “special Tribal criminal jurisdiction”;

1 (4) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(12) STALKING.—The term ‘stalking’ means
4 engaging in a course of conduct directed at a spe-
5 cific person proscribed by the criminal law of the In-
6 dian Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian
7 country where the violation occurs that would cause
8 a reasonable person to—

9 “(A) fear for the person’s safety or the
10 safety of others; or

11 “(B) suffer substantial emotional dis-
12 tress.”;

13 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and
14 (7) as paragraphs (10) and (11);

15 (C) by inserting before paragraph (10) (as
16 redesignated) the following:

17 “(8) SEX TRAFFICKING.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘sex traf-
19 ficking’ means conduct—

20 “(i) consisting of—

21 “(I) recruiting, enticing, har-
22 boring, transporting, providing, ob-
23 taining, advertising, maintaining, pa-
24 tronizing, or soliciting by any means a
25 person; or

1 “(II) benefitting, financially or
2 by receiving anything of value, from
3 participation in a venture that has en-
4 gaged in an act described in subclause
5 (I); and

6 “(ii) carried out with the knowledge,
7 or, except where the act constituting the
8 violation of clause (i) is advertising, in
9 reckless disregard of the fact, that—

10 “(I) means of force, threats of
11 force, fraud, coercion, or any combina-
12 tion of such means will be used to
13 cause the person to engage in a com-
14 mercial sex act; or

15 “(II) the person has not attained
16 the age of 18 years and will be caused
17 to engage in a commercial sex act.

18 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
19 the terms ‘coercion’ and ‘commercial sex act’
20 have the meanings given the terms in section
21 1591(e) of title 18, United States Code.

22 “(9) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term ‘sexual vio-
23 lence’ means any nonconsensual sexual act or con-
24 tact proscribed by the criminal law of the Indian
25 Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian country

1 where the violation occurs, including in any case in
2 which the victim lacks the capacity to consent to the
3 act.”;

4 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
5 (5) as paragraphs (6) and (7);

6 (E) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
7 through (3) as paragraphs (2) through (4);

8 (F) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated), to
9 read as follows:

10 “(3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-
11 tic violence’ means violence—

12 “(A) committed by a current or former
13 spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a
14 person with whom the victim shares a child in
15 common, by a person who is cohabitating with
16 or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse
17 or intimate partner, or by a person similarly
18 situated to a spouse of the victim under the
19 domestic- or family- violence laws of an Indian
20 Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian
21 country where the violence occurs; or

22 “(B)(i) committed against a victim who is
23 a child under the age of 18, or an elder (as
24 such term is defined by Tribal law), including
25 when an offender recklessly engages in conduct

1 that creates a substantial risk of death or seri-
2 ous bodily injury to the victim, or committed as
3 described in subparagraph (A) while the child
4 or elder is present; and

5 “(ii) the child or elder—

6 “(I) resides or has resided in the
7 same household as the offender;

8 “(II) is related to the offender by
9 blood or marriage;

10 “(III) is related to another victim of
11 the offender by blood or marriage;

12 “(IV) is under the care of a victim of
13 the offender who is an intimate partner or
14 former spouse; or

15 “(V) is under the care of a victim of
16 the offender who is similarly situated to a
17 spouse of the victim under the domestic- or
18 family- violence laws of an Indian Tribe
19 that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-
20 try where the violence occurs.”;

21 (G) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as
22 redesignated), the following:

23 “(1) ASSAULT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
24 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.—The term ‘assault of a
25 law enforcement or correctional officer’ means any

1 criminal violation of the law of the Indian Tribe that
2 has jurisdiction over the Indian country where the
3 violation occurs that involves the threatened, at-
4 tempted, or actual harmful or offensive touching of
5 a law enforcement or correctional officer.”; and

6 (H) by inserting after paragraph (4) (as
7 redesignated), the following:

8 “(5) OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.—The term
9 ‘obstruction of justice’ means any violation of the
10 criminal law of the Indian Tribe that has jurisdic-
11 tion over the Indian country where the violation oc-
12 curs, and the violation involves interfering with the
13 administration or due process of the Tribe’s laws in-
14 cluding any Tribal criminal proceeding or investiga-
15 tion of a crime.”;

16 (5) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after “the
17 powers of self-government of a participating Tribe”
18 the following: “, including any participating Tribes
19 in the State of Maine,”;

20 (6) in subsection (b)(4)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting
22 after “over an alleged offense” the following: “,
23 other than obstruction of justice or an act of
24 assault of a law enforcement or corrections offi-
25 cer,”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at
3 the end;

4 (ii) in clause (iii)(II), by striking the
5 period at the end and inserting the fol-
6 lowing: “; or”; and

7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(iv) is being prosecuted for a crime
10 of sexual violence, stalking, sex trafficking,
11 obstructing justice, or assaulting a police
12 or corrections officer under the laws of the
13 prosecuting Tribe.”;

14 (7) in subsection (c)—

15 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
16 by striking “domestic violence” and inserting
17 “Tribal”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
20 ing “AND DATING VIOLENCE” and insert-
21 ing “, DATING VIOLENCE, OBSTRUCTION
22 OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, STALK-
23 ING, SEX TRAFFICKING, OR ASSAULT OF A
24 LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS OF-
25 FICER”; and

1 (ii) by striking “or dating violence”
2 and inserting “, dating violence, obstruc-
3 tion of justice, sexual violence, stalking,
4 sex trafficking, or assault of a law enforce-
5 ment or corrections officer”;

6 (8) in subsection (d), by striking “domestic vio-
7 lence” each place it appears and inserting “Tribal”;

8 (9) by striking subsections (f), (g), and (h) and
9 inserting the following:

10 “(f) GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENT TO TRIBAL GOV-
11 ERNMENTS.—

12 “(1) REIMBURSEMENT.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General
14 is authorized to reimburse Tribal government
15 authorities for expenses incurred in exercising
16 special Tribal criminal jurisdiction.

17 “(B) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—Eligible ex-
18 penses for reimbursement shall include—

19 “(i) expenses incurred to arrest or
20 prosecute offenders and to detain inmates
21 (including costs associated with providing
22 health care);

23 “(ii) expenses related to indigent de-
24 fense services; and

1 “(iii) costs associated with probation
2 and rehabilitation services.

3 “(C) PROCEDURE.—Reimbursements au-
4 thorized pursuant to this section shall be in ac-
5 cordance with rules promulgated by the Attor-
6 ney General after consultation with Indian
7 Tribes and within 1 year after the date of en-
8 actment of this Act. The rules promulgated by
9 the Department shall set a maximum allowable
10 reimbursement to any Tribal government in a
11 1-year period.

12 “(2) GRANTS.—The Attorney General may
13 award grants to the governments of Indian Tribes
14 (or to authorized designees of those governments)—

15 “(A) to strengthen Tribal criminal justice
16 systems to assist Indian Tribes in exercising
17 special Tribal criminal jurisdiction, including—

18 “(i) law enforcement (including the
19 capacity of law enforcement, court per-
20 sonnel, or other non-law enforcement enti-
21 ties that have no Federal or State arrest
22 authority agencies but have been des-
23 ignated by a Tribe as responsible for main-
24 taining public safety within its territorial
25 jurisdiction, to enter information into and

- 1 obtain information from national crime in-
2 formation databases);
- 3 “(ii) prosecution;
- 4 “(iii) trial and appellate courts (in-
5 cluding facilities construction);
- 6 “(iv) probation systems;
- 7 “(v) detention and correctional facili-
8 ties (including facilities construction);
- 9 “(vi) alternative rehabilitation centers;
- 10 “(vii) culturally appropriate services
11 and assistance for victims and their fami-
12 lies; and
- 13 “(viii) criminal codes and rules of
14 criminal procedure, appellate procedure,
15 and evidence;
- 16 “(B) to provide indigent criminal defend-
17 ants with the effective assistance of licensed de-
18 fense counsel, at no cost to the defendant, in
19 criminal proceedings in which a participating
20 Tribe prosecutes—
- 21 “(i) a crime of domestic violence;
- 22 “(ii) a crime of dating violence;
- 23 “(iii) a criminal violation of a protec-
24 tion order;
- 25 “(iv) a crime of sexual violence;

1 “(v) a crime of stalking;

2 “(vi) a crime of sex trafficking;

3 “(vii) a crime of obstruction of justice;

4 or

5 “(viii) a crime of assault of a law en-
6 forcement or correctional officer;

7 “(C) to ensure that, in criminal pro-
8 ceedings in which a participating Tribe exer-
9 cises special Tribal criminal jurisdiction, jurors
10 are summoned, selected, and instructed in a
11 manner consistent with all applicable require-
12 ments;

13 “(D) to accord victims of domestic vio-
14 lence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking,
15 sex trafficking, obstruction of justice, assault of
16 a law enforcement or correctional officer, and
17 violations of protection orders rights that are
18 similar to the rights of a crime victim described
19 in section 3771(a) of title 18, consistent with
20 Tribal law and custom; and

21 “(E) to create a pilot project to allow up
22 to five Indian Tribes in Alaska to implement
23 special Tribal criminal jurisdiction.

24 “(g) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts
25 made available under this section shall supplement and

1 not supplant any other Federal, State, Tribal, or local gov-
2 ernment amounts made available to carry out activities de-
3 scribed in this section.

4 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated \$7,000,000 for each of
6 fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out subsection
7 (f) and to provide training, technical assistance, data col-
8 lection, and evaluation of the criminal justice systems of
9 participating Tribes.

10 “(i) USE OF FUNDS.—Not less than 25 percent of
11 the total amount of funds appropriated under this section
12 in a given year shall be used for each of the purposes de-
13 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (f), with
14 remaining funds available to be distributed for either of
15 the purposes described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
16 section (f), or any combination of such purposes, depend-
17 ing on need and in consultation with Indian Tribes.”;

18 (10) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(j) INDIAN COUNTRY DEFINED.—For purposes of
21 the pilot project described in subsection (f)(5), the defini-
22 tion of ‘Indian country’ shall include—

23 “(1) Alaska Native-owned Townsites, Allot-
24 ments, and former reservation lands acquired in fee
25 by Alaska Native Village Corporations pursuant to

1 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
2 33) and other lands transferred in fee to Native vil-
3 lages; and

4 “(2) all lands within any Alaska Native village
5 with a population that is at least 75 percent Alaska
6 Native.”.

7 **SEC. 904. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

8 Beginning in the first fiscal year after the date of
9 enactment of this title, and annually thereafter, the Attor-
10 ney General and the Secretary of the Interior shall jointly
11 prepare and submit a report, to the Committee on Indian
12 Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate
13 and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Com-
14 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,
15 that—

16 (1) includes known statistics on missing and
17 murdered Indian women in the United States, in-
18 cluding statistics relating to incidents of sexual
19 abuse or sexual assault suffered by the victims; and

20 (2) provides recommendations regarding how to
21 improve data collection on missing and murdered In-
22 dian women.

1 **SEC. 905. REPORT ON THE RESPONSE OF LAW ENFORCE-**
2 **MENT AGENCIES TO REPORTS OF MISSING**
3 **OR MURDERED INDIANS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) COVERED DATABASE.—The term “covered
6 database” means—

7 (A) the database of the National Crime In-
8 formation Center;

9 (B) the Combined DNA Index System;

10 (C) the Next Generation Identification
11 System; and

12 (D) any other database or system of a law
13 enforcement agency under which a report of a
14 missing or murdered Indian may be submitted,
15 including—

16 (i) the Violent Criminal Apprehension
17 Program; or

18 (ii) the National Missing and Uniden-
19 tified Persons System.

20 (2) INDIAN.—The term “Indian” has the mean-
21 ing given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-
22 Determination and Education Assistance Act (25
23 U.S.C. 5304).

24 (3) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term “Indian coun-
25 try” has the meaning given the term in section 1151
26 of title 18, United States Code.

1 (4) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The term
2 “law enforcement agency” means a Federal, State,
3 local, or Tribal law enforcement agency.

4 (5) MISSING OR MURDERED INDIAN.—The term
5 “missing or murdered Indian” means any Indian
6 who is—

7 (A) reported missing in Indian country or
8 any other location; or

9 (B) murdered in Indian country or any
10 other location.

11 (6) NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.—The term “notifi-
12 cation system” means—

13 (A) the Criminal Justice Information Net-
14 work;

15 (B) the AMBER Alert communications
16 network established under subtitle A of title III
17 of the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501 et
18 seq.); and

19 (C) any other system or public notification
20 system that relates to a report of a missing or
21 murdered Indian, including any State, local, or
22 Tribal notification system.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
24 of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of
25 the United States shall submit to the Committee on Indian

1 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Re-
2 sources of the House of Representatives a comprehensive
3 report that includes—

4 (1) a review of—

5 (A) each law enforcement agency that has
6 jurisdiction over missing or murdered Indians
7 and the basis for that jurisdiction;

8 (B) the response procedures, with respect
9 to a report of a missing or murdered Indian,
10 of—

11 (i) the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
12 tion;

13 (ii) the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

14 (iii) any other Federal law enforce-
15 ment agency responsible for responding to
16 or investigating a report of a missing or
17 murdered Indian;

18 (C) each covered database and notification
19 system;

20 (D) Federal interagency cooperation and
21 notification policies and procedures related to
22 missing or murdered Indians;

23 (E) the requirements of each Federal law
24 enforcement agency relating to notifying State,
25 local, or Tribal law enforcement agencies after

1 the Federal law enforcement agency receives a
2 report of a missing or murdered Indian; and

3 (F) the public notification requirements of
4 law enforcement agencies relating to missing or
5 murdered Indians;

6 (2) recommendations and best practices relating
7 to improving cooperation between and response poli-
8 cies of law enforcement agencies relating to missing
9 and murdered Indians; and

10 (3) recommendations relating to—

11 (A) improving how—

12 (i) covered databases address in-
13 stances of missing or murdered Indians,
14 including by improving access to, inte-
15 grating, and improving the sharing of in-
16 formation between covered databases; and

17 (ii) notification systems address in-
18 stances of missing or murdered Indians,
19 including by improving access to, inte-
20 grating, and improving the sharing of in-
21 formation between notification systems;

22 (B) social, educational, economic, and any
23 other factor that may contribute to an Indian
24 becoming a missing or murdered Indian; and

1 (C) legislation to reduce the likelihood that
2 an Indian may become a missing or murdered
3 Indian.

4 **TITLE X—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**
5 **AGAINST WOMEN**

6 **SEC. 1001. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**
7 **AGAINST WOMEN.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE
9 AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2002 of title I of the Omnibus
10 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
11 10442) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “a Violence
13 Against Women Office” and inserting “an Office on
14 Violence Against Women”;

15 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting after “within
16 the Department of Justice” the following: “, not
17 subsumed by any other office”; and

18 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “Violence
19 Against Women Act of 1994 (title VI of Public Law
20 103–322) and the Violence Against Women Act of
21 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–386)” and in-
22 serting “Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title
23 VII of Public Law 103–322), the Violence Against
24 Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–
25 386), the Violence Against Women and Department

1 of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (title IX of
2 Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080), the Violence
3 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public
4 Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), and the Violence Against
5 Women Reauthorization Act of 2021”.

6 (b) DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE
7 AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2003 of the Omnibus Crime
8 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10443)
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 2003. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**
11 **AGAINST WOMEN.**

12 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The President, by and with the
13 advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Director
14 for the Office on Violence Against Women (in this title
15 referred to as the ‘Director’) to be responsible, under the
16 general authority of the Attorney General, for the admin-
17 istration, coordination, and implementation of the pro-
18 grams and activities of the Office.

19 “(b) OTHER EMPLOYMENT.—The Director shall
20 not—

21 “(1) engage in any employment other than that
22 of serving as Director; or

23 “(2) hold any office in, or act in any capacity
24 for, any organization, agency, or institution with
25 which the Office makes any contract or other agree-

1 ment under the Violence Against Women Act of
2 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the Violence
3 Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public
4 Law 106–386), the Violence Against Women and
5 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005
6 (title IX of Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080),
7 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
8 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), or the Violence
9 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021.

10 “(c) VACANCY.—In the case of a vacancy, the Presi-
11 dent may designate an officer or employee who shall act
12 as Director during the vacancy.

13 “(d) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be com-
14 pensated at a rate of pay not to exceed the rate payable
15 for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316
16 of title 5, United States Code.”.

17 (c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE
18 OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2004
19 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
20 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10444) is amended to read as follows:

21 **“SEC. 2004. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE
22 OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

23 “The Director shall have the following duties:

1 “(1) Maintaining liaison with the judicial
2 branches of the Federal and State Governments on
3 matters relating to violence against women.

4 “(2) Providing information to the President,
5 the Congress, the judiciary, State, local, and Tribal
6 governments, and the general public on matters re-
7 lating to violence against women.

8 “(3) Serving, at the request of the Attorney
9 General, as the representative of the Department of
10 Justice on domestic task forces, committees, or com-
11 missions addressing policy or issues relating to vio-
12 lence against women.

13 “(4) Serving, at the request of the President,
14 acting through the Attorney General, as the rep-
15 resentative of the United States Government on
16 human rights and economic justice matters related
17 to violence against women in international fora, in-
18 cluding, but not limited to, the United Nations.

19 “(5) Carrying out the functions of the Depart-
20 ment of Justice under the Violence Against Women
21 Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the
22 Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of
23 Public Law 106–386), the Violence Against Women
24 and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of
25 2005 (title IX of Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat.

1 3080), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization
2 Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), and
3 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
4 2021, including with respect to those functions—

5 “(A) the development of policy, protocols,
6 and guidelines;

7 “(B) the development and management of
8 grant programs and other programs, and the
9 provision of technical assistance under such
10 programs; and

11 “(C) the awarding and termination of
12 grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts.

13 “(6) Providing technical assistance, coordina-
14 tion, and support to—

15 “(A) other components of the Department
16 of Justice, in efforts to develop policy and to
17 enforce Federal laws relating to violence against
18 women, including the litigation of civil and
19 criminal actions relating to enforcing such laws;

20 “(B) other Federal, State, local, and Trib-
21 al agencies, in efforts to develop policy, provide
22 technical assistance, synchronize federal defini-
23 tions and protocols, and improve coordination
24 among agencies carrying out efforts to elimi-

1 nate violence against women, including Indian
2 or indigenous women; and

3 “(C) grantees, in efforts to combat violence
4 against women and to provide support and as-
5 sistance to victims of such violence.

6 “(7) Exercising such other powers and func-
7 tions as may be vested in the Director pursuant to
8 this subchapter or by delegation of the Attorney
9 General.

10 “(8) Establishing such rules, regulations, guide-
11 lines, and procedures as are necessary to carry out
12 any function of the Office.”.

13 (d) **STAFF OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST**
14 **WOMEN.**—Section 2005 of the Omnibus Crime Control
15 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10445) is amend-
16 ed in the heading, by striking “**VIOLENCE AGAINST**
17 **WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting “**OFFICE ON VIO-**
18 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”.

19 (e) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 121(a)(1) of
20 the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice
21 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20124(a)(1)) is
22 amended by striking “the Violence Against Women Of-
23 fice” and inserting “the Office on Violence Against
24 Women”.

1 **SEC. 1002. OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN A DEP-**
2 **UTY DIRECTOR FOR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC**
3 **COMMUNITIES.**

4 Part T of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
5 Streets Act (34 U.S.C. 10441 et seq.) is amended by in-
6 serting after section 2004 the following:

7 **“SEC. 2004A. DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CULTURALLY SPE-**
8 **CIFIC COMMUNITIES.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
10 Office on Violence Against Women a Deputy Director for
11 Culturally Specific Communities.

12 “(b) DUTIES.—The Deputy Director shall, under the
13 guidance and authority of the Director of the Office on
14 Violence Against Women—

15 “(1) oversee the administration of grants re-
16 lated to culturally specific services and contracts
17 with culturally specific organizations;

18 “(2) coordinate development of Federal policy,
19 protocols, and guidelines on matters relating to do-
20 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
21 stalking, in culturally specific communities;

22 “(3) advise the Director of the Office on Vio-
23 lence Against Women concerning policies, legislation,
24 implementation of laws, and other issues relating to
25 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
26 and stalking in culturally specific communities;

1 “(4) provide technical assistance, coordination,
2 and support to other offices and bureaus in the De-
3 partment of Justice to develop policy and to enforce
4 Federal laws relating to domestic violence, dating vi-
5 olence, sexual assault, and stalking in culturally spe-
6 cific communities;

7 “(5) ensure that appropriate technical assist-
8 ance, developed and provided by entities having ex-
9 pertise in culturally specific is made available to
10 grantees and potential grantees proposing to serve
11 culturally specific communities; and

12 “(6) ensure access to grants and technical as-
13 sistance for culturally specific organizations and
14 analyze the distribution of funding in order to iden-
15 tify barriers for culturally specific organizations.”.

16 **TITLE XI—IMPROVING CONDI-**
17 **TIONS FOR WOMEN IN FED-**
18 **ERAL CUSTODY**

19 **SEC. 1101. IMPROVING THE TREATMENT OF PRIMARY**
20 **CARETAKER PARENTS AND OTHER INDIVID-**
21 **UALS IN FEDERAL PRISONS.**

22 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
23 “Ramona Brant Improvement of Conditions for Women
24 in Federal Custody Act”.

1 (b) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 303 of title 18, United
2 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 lowing:

4 **“§ 4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and**
5 **other individuals**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 “(1) the term ‘correctional officer’ means a cor-
8 rectional officer of the Bureau of Prisons;

9 “(2) the term ‘covered institution’ means a
10 Federal penal or correctional institution;

11 “(3) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
12 the Bureau of Prisons;

13 “(4) the term ‘post-partum recovery’ means the
14 first 8-week period of post-partum recovery after
15 giving birth;

16 “(5) the term ‘primary caretaker parent’ has
17 the meaning given the term in section 31903 of the
18 Family Unity Demonstration Project Act (34 U.S.C.
19 12242);

20 “(6) the term ‘prisoner’ means an individual
21 who is incarcerated in a Federal penal or correc-
22 tional institution, including a vulnerable person; and

23 “(7) the term ‘vulnerable person’ means an in-
24 dividual who—

1 “(A) is under 21 years of age or over 60
2 years of age;

3 “(B) is pregnant;

4 “(C) identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual,
5 transgender, or intersex;

6 “(D) is victim or witness of a crime;

7 “(E) has filed a nonfrivolous civil rights
8 claim in Federal or State court;

9 “(F) has a serious mental or physical ill-
10 ness or disability; or

11 “(G) during the period of incarceration,
12 has been determined to have experienced or to
13 be experiencing severe trauma or to be the vic-
14 tim of gender-based violence—

15 “(i) by any court or administrative ju-
16 dicial proceeding;

17 “(ii) by any corrections official;

18 “(iii) by the individual’s attorney or
19 legal service provider; or

20 “(iv) by the individual.

21 “(b) GEOGRAPHIC PLACEMENT.—

22 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—The Direc-
23 tor shall establish within the Bureau of Prisons an
24 office that determines the placement of prisoners.

1 “(2) PLACEMENT OF PRISONERS.—In deter-
2 mining the placement of a prisoner, the office estab-
3 lished under paragraph (1) shall—

4 “(A) if the prisoner has children, place the
5 prisoner as close to the children as possible;

6 “(B) in deciding whether to assign a
7 transgender or intersex prisoner to a facility for
8 male or female prisoners, and in making other
9 housing and programming assignments, con-
10 sider on a case-by-case basis whether a place-
11 ment would ensure the prisoner’s health and
12 safety, including serious consideration of the
13 prisoner’s own views with respect to their safe-
14 ty, and whether the placement would present
15 management or security problems; and

16 “(C) consider any other factor that the of-
17 fice determines to be appropriate.

18 “(c) PROHIBITION ON PLACEMENT OF PREGNANT
19 PRISONERS OR PRISONERS IN POST-PARTUM RECOVERY
20 IN SEGREGATED HOUSING UNITS.—

21 “(1) PLACEMENT IN SEGREGATED HOUSING
22 UNITS.—A covered institution may not place a pris-
23 oner who is pregnant or in post-partum recovery in
24 a segregated housing unit unless the prisoner pre-

1 sents an immediate risk of harm to the prisoner or
2 others.

3 “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—Any placement of a pris-
4 oner described in subparagraph (A) in a segregated
5 housing unit shall be limited and temporary.

6 “(d) PARENTING CLASSES.—The Director shall pro-
7 vide parenting classes to each prisoner who is a primary
8 caretaker parent, and such classes shall be made available
9 to prisoners with limited English proficiency in compliance
10 with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

11 “(e) TRAUMA SCREENING.—The Director shall pro-
12 vide training, including cultural competency training, to
13 each correctional officer and each employee of the Bureau
14 of Prisons who regularly interacts with prisoners, includ-
15 ing each instructor and health care professional, to enable
16 those correctional officers and employees to—

17 “(1) identify a prisoner who has a mental or
18 physical health need relating to trauma the prisoner
19 has experienced; and

20 “(2) refer a prisoner described in paragraph (1)
21 to the proper healthcare professional for treatment.

22 “(f) INMATE HEALTH.—

23 “(1) HEALTH CARE ACCESS.—The Director
24 shall ensure that all prisoners receive adequate
25 health care.

1 “(2) HYGIENIC PRODUCTS.—The Director shall
2 make essential hygienic products, including sham-
3 poo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and any other hygien-
4 ic product that the Director determines appropriate,
5 available without charge to prisoners.

6 “(3) GYNECOLOGIST ACCESS.—The Director
7 shall ensure that all prisoners have access to a gyne-
8 cologist as appropriate.

9 “(g) USE OF SEX-APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONAL OF-
10 FICERS.—

11 “(1) REGULATIONS.—The Director shall make
12 rules under which—

13 “(A) a correctional officer may not conduct
14 a strip search of a prisoner of the opposite sex
15 unless—

16 “(i) the prisoner presents a risk of
17 immediate harm to the prisoner or others,
18 and no other correctional officer of the
19 same sex as the prisoner, or medical staff
20 is available to assist; or

21 “(ii) the prisoner has previously re-
22 quested that an officer of a different sex
23 conduct searches;

1 “(B) a correctional officer may not enter a
2 restroom reserved for prisoners of the opposite
3 sex unless—

4 “(i) a prisoner in the restroom pre-
5 sents a risk of immediate harm to them-
6 selves or others; or

7 “(ii) there is a medical emergency in
8 the restroom and no other correctional offi-
9 cer of the appropriate sex is available to
10 assist;

11 “(C) a transgender prisoner’s sex is deter-
12 mined according to the sex with which they
13 identify; and

14 “(D) a correctional officer may not search
15 or physically examine a prisoner for the sole
16 purpose of determining the prisoner’s genital
17 status or sex.

18 “(2) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in
19 paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect the re-
20 quirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act
21 of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 15601 et seq.).”.

22 (c) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section
23 3621(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
24 adding at the end the following:

1 “(7) ELIGIBILITY OF PRIMARY CARETAKER
2 PARENTS AND PREGNANT WOMEN.—The Director of
3 the Bureau of Prisons may not prohibit an eligible
4 prisoner who is a primary caretaker parent (as de-
5 fined in section 4051) or pregnant from partici-
6 pating in a program of residential substance abuse
7 treatment provided under paragraph (1) on the basis
8 of a failure by the eligible prisoner, before being
9 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons,
10 to disclose to any official of the Bureau of Prisons
11 that the prisoner had a substance abuse problem on
12 or before the date on which the eligible prisoner was
13 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Pris-
14 ons.”.

15 (d) IMPLEMENTATION DATE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
18 the Bureau of Prisons shall implement this section
19 and the amendments made by this section.

20 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the
22 Bureau of Prisons shall submit to the Committee on
23 the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on
24 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a re-

1 port on the implementation of this section and the
2 amendments made by this section.

3 (e) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—

4 The table of sections for chapter 303 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

“4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals.”.

7 **SEC. 1102. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WOMEN.**

8 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
9 “Stop Infant Mortality And Recidivism Reduction Act” or
10 the “SIMARRA Act”.

11 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 270 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this section, the Director of
13 the Federal Bureau of Prisons (in this section referred
14 to as the “Director”) shall establish a pilot program (in
15 this section referred to as the “Program”) in accordance
16 with this section to permit women incarcerated in Federal
17 prisons and the children born to such women during incar-
18 ceration to reside together while the inmate serves a term
19 of imprisonment in a separate housing wing of the prison.

20 (c) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this section are
21 to—

22 (1) prevent infant mortality among infants born
23 to incarcerated mothers and greatly reduce the trau-
24 ma and stress experienced by the unborn fetuses of
25 pregnant inmates;

1 (2) reduce the recidivism rates of federally in-
2 carcerated women and mothers, and enhance public
3 safety by improving the effectiveness of the Federal
4 prison system for women as a population with spe-
5 cial needs;

6 (3) establish female offender risk and needs as-
7 sessment as the cornerstones of a more effective and
8 efficient Federal prison system;

9 (4) implement a validated post-sentencing risk
10 and needs assessment system that relies on dynamic
11 risk factors to provide Federal prison officials with
12 a roadmap to address the pre- and post-natal needs
13 of Federal pregnant offenders, manage limited re-
14 sources, and enhance public safety;

15 (5) perform regular outcome evaluations of the
16 effectiveness of programs and interventions for fed-
17 erally incarcerated pregnant women and mothers to
18 assure that such programs and interventions are evi-
19 dence-based and to suggest changes, deletions, and
20 expansions based on the results of such evaluations;
21 and

22 (6) assist the Department of Justice to address
23 the underlying cost structure of the Federal prison
24 system and ensure that the Department can con-
25 tinue to run prison nurseries safely and securely

1 without compromising the scope or quality of the
2 Department's critical health, safety and law enforce-
3 ment missions.

4 (d) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF PRIS-
5 ONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out
7 this section in consultation with—

8 (A) a licensed and board-certified gyne-
9 cologist or obstetrician;

10 (B) the Director of the Administrative Of-
11 fice of the United States Courts;

12 (C) the Director of the Office of Probation
13 and Pretrial Services;

14 (D) the Director of the National Institute
15 of Justice; and

16 (E) the Secretary of Health and Human
17 Services.

18 (2) DUTIES.—The Director shall, in accordance
19 with paragraph (3)—

20 (A) develop an offender risk and needs as-
21 sessment system particular to the health and
22 sensitivities of Federally incarcerated pregnant
23 women and mothers in accordance with this
24 subsection;

1 (B) develop recommendations regarding re-
2 civism reduction programs and productive ac-
3 tivities in accordance with subsection (c);

4 (C) conduct ongoing research and data
5 analysis on—

6 (i) the best practices relating to the
7 use of offender risk and needs assessment
8 tools particular to the health and sensitivi-
9 ties of federally incarcerated pregnant
10 women and mothers;

11 (ii) the best available risk and needs
12 assessment tools particular to the health
13 and sensitivities of Federally incarcerated
14 pregnant women and mothers and the level
15 to which they rely on dynamic risk factors
16 that could be addressed and changed over
17 time, and on measures of risk of recidi-
18 vism, individual needs, and responsiveness
19 to recivism reduction programs;

20 (iii) the most effective and efficient
21 uses of such tools in conjunction with re-
22 civism reduction programs, productive
23 activities, incentives, and rewards; and

24 (iv) which recivism reduction pro-
25 grams are the most effective—

1 (I) for Federally incarcerated
2 pregnant women and mothers classi-
3 fied at different recidivism risk levels;
4 and

5 (II) for addressing the specific
6 needs of Federally incarcerated preg-
7 nant women and mothers;

8 (D) on a biennial basis, review the system
9 developed under subparagraph (A) and the rec-
10 ommendations developed under subparagraph
11 (B), using the research conducted under sub-
12 paragraph (C), to determine whether any revi-
13 sions or updates should be made, and if so,
14 make such revisions or updates;

15 (E) hold periodic meetings with the indi-
16 viduals listed in paragraph (1) at intervals to be
17 determined by the Director;

18 (F) develop tools to communicate par-
19 enting program availability and eligibility cri-
20 teria to each employee of the Bureau of Prisons
21 and each pregnant inmate to ensure that each
22 pregnant inmate in the custody of a Bureau of
23 Prisons facility understands the resources avail-
24 able to such inmate; and

1 (G) report to Congress in accordance with
2 subsection (i).

3 (3) METHODS.—In carrying out the duties
4 under paragraph (2), the Director shall—

5 (A) consult relevant stakeholders; and

6 (B) make decisions using data that is
7 based on the best available statistical and em-
8 pirical evidence.

9 (e) ELIGIBILITY.—An inmate may apply to partici-
10 pate in the Program if the inmate—

11 (1) is pregnant at the beginning of or during
12 the term of imprisonment; and

13 (2) is in the custody or control of the Federal
14 Bureau of Prisons.

15 (f) PROGRAM TERMS.—

16 (1) TERM OF PARTICIPATION.—To correspond
17 with the purposes and goals of the Program to pro-
18 mote bonding during the critical stages of child de-
19 velopment, an eligible inmate selected for the Pro-
20 gram may participate in the Program, subject to
21 subsection (g), until the earliest of—

22 (A) the date that the inmate's term of im-
23 prisonment terminates;

24 (B) the date the infant fails to meet any
25 medical criteria established by the Director or

1 the Director's designee along with a collective
2 determination of the persons listed in sub-
3 section (d)(1); or

4 (C) 30 months.

5 (2) INMATE REQUIREMENTS.—For the duration
6 of an inmate's participation in the Program, the in-
7 mate shall agree to—

8 (A) take substantive steps towards acting
9 in the role of a parent or guardian to any child
10 of that inmate;

11 (B) participate in any educational or coun-
12 seling opportunities established by the Director,
13 including topics such as child development, par-
14 enting skills, domestic violence, vocational train-
15 ing, or substance abuse, as appropriate;

16 (C) abide by any court decision regarding
17 the legal or physical custody of the child;

18 (D) transfer to the Federal Bureau of
19 Prisons any child support payments for the in-
20 fant of the participating inmate from any per-
21 son or governmental entity; and

22 (E) specify a person who has agreed to
23 take at least temporary custody of the child if
24 the inmate's participation in the Program ter-
25 minates before the inmate's release.

1 (g) CONTINUITY OF CARE.—The Director shall take
2 appropriate actions to prevent detachment or disruption
3 of either an inmate’s or infant’s health and bonding-based
4 well-being due to termination of the Program.

5 (h) REPORTING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
7 after the date of the enactment of this section and
8 once each year thereafter for 5 years, the Director
9 shall submit a report to the Congress with regards
10 to progress in implementing the Program.

11 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 6 months
12 after the termination of the Program, the Director
13 shall issue a final report to the Congress that con-
14 tains a detailed statement of the Director’s findings
15 and conclusions, including recommendations for leg-
16 islation, administrative actions, and regulations the
17 Director considers appropriate.

18 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
19 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
20 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

21 **SEC. 1103. RESEARCH AND REPORT ON WOMEN IN FED-**
22 **ERAL INCARCERATION.**

23 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
24 of this Act, and thereafter, every other year, the National
25 Institutes of Justice, in consultation with the Bureau of

1 Justice Statistics and the Bureau of Prisons (including
2 the Women and Special Population Branch) shall prepare
3 a report on the status of women in federal incarceration.
4 Depending on the topic to be addressed, and the facility,
5 data shall be collected from Bureau of Prisons personnel
6 and a sample that is representative of the population of
7 incarcerated women. The report shall include:

8 (1) With regard to federal facilities wherein
9 women are incarcerated—

10 (A) responses by such women to questions
11 from the Adverse Childhood Experience
12 (ACES) questionnaire;

13 (B) demographic data of such women, in-
14 cluding sexual orientation and gender identity;

15 (C) responses by such women to questions
16 about the extent of exposure to sexual victim-
17 ization, sexual violence and domestic violence
18 (both inside and outside of incarceration);

19 (D) the number of such women were preg-
20 nant at the time that they entered incarcer-
21 ation;

22 (E) the number of such women who have
23 children age 18 or under, and if so, how many;
24 and

1 (F) the crimes for which such women are
2 incarcerated and the length of their sentence
3 and to the extent practicable, any information
4 on the connection between the crime of which
5 they were convicted & their experience of do-
6 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
7 or stalking.

8 (2) With regard to all federal facilities where
9 persons are incarcerated—

10 (A) a list of best practices with respect to
11 women's incarceration and transition, including
12 staff led programs, services and management
13 practices (including making sanitary products
14 readily available and easily accessible, and ac-
15 cess to and provision of healthcare);

16 (B) the availability of trauma treatment at
17 each facility (including number of beds, and
18 number of trained staff);

19 (C) rates of serious mental illness broken
20 down by gender and security level and a list of
21 residential programs available by site; and

22 (D) the availability of vocational education
23 and a list of vocational programs provided by
24 each facility.

1 **SEC. 1104. REENTRY PLANNING AND SERVICES FOR INCAR-**
2 **CERATED WOMEN.**

3 The Attorney General, in coordination with the Chief
4 of U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services and the Director
5 of the Bureau of Prisons (including Women and Special
6 Population Branch), shall collaborate on a model of gen-
7 der responsive transition for incarcerated women, includ-
8 ing the development of a national standard on prevention
9 with respect to domestic and sexual violence. In developing
10 the model, the Chief and the Director shall consult with
11 such experts within the federal government (including the
12 Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of
13 Justice) and in the victim service provider community (in-
14 cluding sexual and domestic violence and homelessness,
15 job training and job placement service providers) as are
16 necessary to the completion of a comprehensive plan.
17 Issues addressed should include—

18 (1) the development by the Bureau of Prisons
19 of a contract for gender collaborative services; and

20 (2) identification by re-entry affairs coordina-
21 tors and responsive planning for the needs of re-en-
22 tering women with respect to—

23 (A) housing, including risk of homeless-
24 ness;

25 (B) previous exposure to and risk for do-
26 mestic and sexual violence; and

1 (C) the need for parenting classes, assist-
2 ance securing childcare, or assistance in seeking
3 or securing jobs that afford flexibility (as might
4 be necessary in the re-entry, parenting or other
5 contexts).

6 **TITLE XII—LAW ENFORCEMENT**
7 **TOOLS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC**
8 **SAFETY**

9 **SEC. 1201. NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-**
10 **CIES OF PROHIBITED PURCHASE OR AT-**
11 **TEMPTED PURCHASE OF A FIREARM.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the NICS Improvement
13 Amendments Act of 2007 (18 U.S.C. 922 note) is amend-
14 ed by adding at the end the following:

15 **“SEC. 108. NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-**
16 **CIES OF PROHIBITED PURCHASE OF A FIRE-**
17 **ARM.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a background
19 check conducted by the National Instant Criminal Back-
20 ground Check System pursuant to the request of a li-
21 censed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer
22 of firearms (as such terms are defined in section 921 of
23 title 18, United States Code), which background check de-
24 termines that the receipt of a firearm by a person would
25 violate subsection (g)(8), (g)(9), or (g)(10) of section 922

1 of title 18, United States Code, and such determination
2 is made after 3 business days have elapsed since the li-
3 censee contacted the System and a firearm has been trans-
4 ferred to that person, the System shall notify the law en-
5 forcement agencies described in subsection (b).

6 “(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DESCRIBED.—
7 The law enforcement agencies described in this subsection
8 are the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction
9 over the location from which the licensee contacted the
10 system and the law enforcement agencies that have juris-
11 diction over the location of the residence of the person for
12 which the background check was conducted, as follows:

13 “(1) The field office of the Federal Bureau of
14 Investigation.

15 “(2) The local law enforcement agency.

16 “(3) The State law enforcement agency.

17 “(4) The Tribal law enforcement agency.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (18
20 U.S.C. 922 note) is amended by inserting after the
21 item relating to section 107 the following:

“Sec. 108. Notification to law enforcement agencies of prohibited purchase of
a firearm.”.

1 **SEC. 1202. REPORTING OF BACKGROUND CHECK DENIALS**
2 **TO STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL AUTHORI-**
3 **TIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 925A
6 the following:

7 **“§ 925B. Reporting of background check denials to**
8 **State, local, and Tribal authorities**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the national instant criminal
10 background check system established under section 103
11 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (18 U.S.C.
12 922 note) provides a notice pursuant to section 922(t) of
13 this title that the receipt of a firearm by a person would
14 violate subsection (g)(8), (g)(9), or (g)(10) of section 922
15 of this title or State law, the Attorney General shall, in
16 accordance with subsection (b) of this section—

17 “(1) report to the law enforcement authorities
18 of the State where the person sought to acquire the
19 firearm and, if different, the law enforcement au-
20 thorities of the State of residence of the person—

21 “(A) that the notice was provided;

22 “(B) of the specific provision of law that
23 would have been violated;

24 “(C) of the date and time the notice was
25 provided;

1 “(D) of the location where the firearm was
2 sought to be acquired; and

3 “(E) of the identity of the person; and

4 “(2) report the incident to local or Tribal law
5 enforcement authorities and, where practicable,
6 State, Tribal, or local prosecutors, in the jurisdiction
7 where the firearm was sought and in the jurisdiction
8 where the person resides.

9 “(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORT.—A report is
10 made in accordance with this subsection if the report is
11 made within 24 hours after the provision of the notice de-
12 scribed in subsection (a), except that the making of the
13 report may be delayed for so long as is necessary to avoid
14 compromising an ongoing investigation.

15 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
16 section (a) shall be construed to require a report with re-
17 spect to a person to be made to the same State authorities
18 that originally issued the notice with respect to the per-
19 son.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
22 relating to section 925A the following:

 “925B. Reporting of background check denials to State, local, and Tribal au-
 thorities.”.

1 **SEC. 1203. SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS AND**
2 **CROSS-DEPUTIZED ATTORNEYS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
4 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
5 by inserting after section 925B the following:

6 **“§ 925C. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-**
7 **deputized attorneys**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to improve the enforce-
9 ment of paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) of section 922(g),
10 the Attorney General may—

11 “(1) appoint, in accordance with section 543 of
12 title 28, qualified State, Tribal, territorial and local
13 prosecutors and qualified attorneys working for the
14 United States government to serve as special assist-
15 ant United States attorneys for the purpose of pros-
16 ecuting violations of such paragraphs;

17 “(2) deputize State, Tribal, territorial and local
18 law enforcement officers for the purpose of enhanc-
19 ing the capacity of the agents of the Bureau of Alco-
20 hol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in respond-
21 ing to and investigating violations of such para-
22 graphs; and

23 “(3) establish, in order to receive and expedite
24 requests for assistance from State, Tribal, territorial
25 and local law enforcement agencies responding to in-
26 timate partner violence cases where such agencies

1 have probable cause to believe that the offenders
2 may be in violation of such paragraphs, points of
3 contact within—

4 “(A) each Field Division of the Bureau of
5 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;
6 and

7 “(B) each District Office of the United
8 States Attorneys.

9 “(b) IMPROVE INTIMATE PARTNER AND PUBLIC
10 SAFETY.—The Attorney General shall—

11 “(1) identify no less than 75 jurisdictions
12 among States, territories and Tribes where there are
13 high rates of firearms violence and threats of fire-
14 arms violence against intimate partners and other
15 persons protected under paragraphs (8), (9), and
16 (10) of section 922(g) and where local authorities
17 lack the resources to address such violence; and

18 “(2) make such appointments as described in
19 subsection (a) in jurisdictions where enhanced en-
20 forcement of such paragraphs is necessary to reduce
21 firearms homicide and injury rates.

22 “(c) QUALIFIED DEFINED.—For purposes of this
23 section, the term ‘qualified’ means, with respect to an at-
24 torney, that the attorney is a licensed attorney in good
25 standing with any relevant licensing authority.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
3 relating to section 925B the following:

“925C. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.”.

4 **TITLE XIII—CLOSING THE LAW**
5 **ENFORCEMENT CONSENT**
6 **LOOPHOLE**

7 **SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This title may be cited as the “Closing the Law En-
9 forcement Consent Loophole Act of 2021”.

10 **SEC. 1302. PROHIBITION ON ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTS**
11 **WHILE ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2243 of title 18, United
13 States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in the section heading, by adding at the end
15 the following: “**or by any person acting**
16 **under color of law**”;

17 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
18 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(c) OF AN INDIVIDUAL BY ANY PERSON ACTING
22 UNDER COLOR OF LAW.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, acting under
24 color of law, knowingly engages in a sexual act with
25 an individual, including an individual who is under

1 arrest, in detention, or otherwise in the actual cus-
2 tody of any Federal law enforcement officer, shall be
3 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15
4 years, or both.

5 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
6 ‘sexual act’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
7 tion 2246.”; and

8 (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by
9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) In a prosecution under subsection (c), it is not
11 a defense that the other individual consented to the sexual
12 act.”.

13 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 2246 of title 18, United
14 States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
16 end;

17 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
18 the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(7) the term ‘Federal law enforcement officer’
22 has the meaning given the term in section 115.”.

23 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 for chapter 109A of title 18, United States Code, is

1 amended by amending the item related to section 2243
2 to read as follows:

“2243. Sexual abuse of a minor or ward or by any person acting under color
of law.”.

3 **SEC. 1303. INCENTIVES FOR STATES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Attorney
5 General is authorized to make grants to States that have
6 in effect a law that—

7 (1) makes it a criminal offense for any person
8 acting under color of law of the State to engage in
9 a sexual act with an individual, including an indi-
10 vidual who is under arrest, in detention, or otherwise
11 in the actual custody of any law enforcement officer;
12 and

13 (2) prohibits a person charged with an offense
14 described in paragraph (1) from asserting the con-
15 sent of the other individual as a defense.

16 (b) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—A State that re-
17 ceives a grant under this section shall submit to the Attor-
18 ney General, on an annual basis, information on—

19 (1) the number of reports made to law enforce-
20 ment agencies in that State regarding persons en-
21 gaging in a sexual act while acting under color of
22 law during the previous year; and

1 (2) the disposition of each case in which sexual
2 misconduct by a person acting under color of law
3 was reported during the previous year.

4 (c) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under
5 this section shall submit an application to the Attorney
6 General at such time, in such manner, and containing
7 such information as the Attorney General may reasonably
8 require, including information about the law described in
9 subsection (a).

10 (d) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a
11 State under this section shall be in an amount that is not
12 greater than 10 percent of the average of the total amount
13 of funding of the 3 most recent awards that the State re-
14 ceived under the following grant programs:

15 (1) Part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
16 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10441
17 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the “STOP Vio-
18 lence Against Women Formula Grant Program”).

19 (2) Section 41601 of the Violence Against
20 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511) (commonly
21 referred to as the “Sexual Assault Services Pro-
22 gram”).

23 (e) GRANT TERM.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
25 provide an increase in the amount provided to a

1 State under the grant programs described in sub-
2 section (d) for a 2-year period.

3 (2) RENEWAL.—A State that receives a grant
4 under this section may submit an application for a
5 renewal of such grant at such time, in such manner,
6 and containing such information as the Attorney
7 General may reasonably require.

8 (3) LIMIT.—A State may not receive a grant
9 under this section for more than 4 years.

10 (f) USES OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant
11 under this section shall use—

12 (1) 25 percent of such funds for any of the per-
13 missible uses of funds under the grant program de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d); and

15 (2) 75 percent of such funds for any of the per-
16 missible uses of funds under the grant program de-
17 scribed in paragraph (2) of subsection (d).

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter
20 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

21 (h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
22 term “State” means each of the several States and the
23 District of Columbia, Indian Tribes, and the Common-
24 wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Vir-
25 gin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **SEC. 1304. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) REPORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not later
3 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and
4 each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit
5 to Congress a report containing—

6 (1) the information required to be reported to
7 the Attorney General under section 3(b); and

8 (2) information on—

9 (A) the number of reports made, during
10 the previous year, to Federal law enforcement
11 agencies regarding persons engaging in a sexual
12 act while acting under color of law; and

13 (B) the disposition of each case in which
14 sexual misconduct by a person acting under
15 color of law was reported.

16 (b) REPORT BY GAO.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, and each year there-
18 after, the Comptroller General of the United States shall
19 submit to Congress a report on any violations of section
20 2243(c) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by
21 section 2, committed during the 1-year period covered by
22 the report.

23 **SEC. 1305. DEFINITION.**

24 In this title, the term “sexual act” has the meaning
25 given the term in section 2246 of title 18, United States
26 Code.

1 **TITLE XIV—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **SEC. 1401. NATIONAL STALKER AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

3 **REDUCTION.**

4 Section 40603 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
5 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12402) is amended
6 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2022
7 through 2026”.

8 **SEC. 1402. FEDERAL VICTIM ASSISTANTS REAUTHORIZA-**
9 **TION.**

10 Section 40114 of the Violence Against Women Act
11 of 1994 (Public Law 103–322) is amended to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 **“SEC. 40114. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL VICTIM’S CO-**
14 **ORDINATORS.**

15 “There are authorized to be appropriated for the
16 United States Attorneys for the purpose of appointing vic-
17 tim/witness coordinators for the prosecution of sex crimes
18 and domestic violence crimes where applicable (such as the
19 District of Columbia), \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2022 through 2026.”.

1 **SEC. 1403. CHILD ABUSE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JUDI-**
2 **CIAL PERSONNEL AND PRACTITIONERS RE-**
3 **AUTHORIZATION.**

4 Section 224(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34
5 U.S.C. 20334(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through
6 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

7 **SEC. 1404. SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT.**

8 Section 40152(e) of the Violent Crime Control and
9 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12311(c)) is
10 amended by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting
11 “2022 through 2026”.

12 **SEC. 1405. COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PRO-**
13 **GRAM.**

14 Section 219(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34
15 U.S.C. 20324(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through
16 2018” and inserting “2022 through 2026”.

17 **SEC. 1406. SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM PROGRAM**
18 **GRANTS.**

19 Section 304(d) of the DNA Sexual Assault Justice
20 Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723(d)) is amended by striking
21 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2022 through
22 2026”.

1 **SEC. 1407. REVIEW ON LINK BETWEEN SUBSTANCE USE**
2 **AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAT-**
3 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALK-**
4 **ING.**

5 Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health
7 and Human Services shall complete a review and submit
8 a report to Congress on whether being a victim of domestic
9 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in-
10 creases the likelihood of having a substance use disorder.

11 **SEC. 1408. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP TO STUDY FED-**
12 **ERAL EFFORTS TO COLLECT DATA ON SEX-**
13 **UAL VIOLENCE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-
16 eral shall establish an interagency working group (in this
17 section referred to as the “Working Group”) to study Fed-
18 eral efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make
19 recommendations on the harmonization of such efforts.

20 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Working Group shall be
21 comprised of at least one representative from the following
22 agencies, who shall be selected by the head of that agency:

23 (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
24 vention.

25 (2) The Department of Education.

1 (3) The Department of Health and Human
2 Services.

3 (4) The Department of Justice.

4 (5) The Equal Employment Opportunity Com-
5 mission.

6 (c) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall consider the
7 following:

8 (1) What activity constitutes different acts of
9 sexual violence.

10 (2) Whether reports that use the same terms
11 for acts of sexual violence are collecting the same
12 data on these acts.

13 (3) Whether the context which led to an act of
14 sexual violence should impact how that act is ac-
15 counted for in reports.

16 (4) Whether the data collected is presented in
17 a way that allows the general public to understand
18 what acts of sexual violence are included in each
19 measurement.

20 (5) Steps that agencies that compile reports re-
21 lating to sexual violence can take to avoid double
22 counting incidents of sexual violence.

23 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Working

1 Group shall publish and submit to Congress a report on
2 the following:

3 (1) The activities of the Working Group.

4 (2) Recommendations to harmonize Federal ef-
5 forts to collect data on sexual violence.

6 (3) Actions Federal agencies can take to imple-
7 ment the recommendations described in paragraph
8 (2).

9 (4) Recommendations for congressional action
10 to implement the recommendations described in
11 paragraph (2).

12 (e) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall termi-
13 nate 30 days after the date on which the report is sub-
14 mitted pursuant to subsection (d).

15 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) HARMONIZE.—The term “harmonize” in-
17 cludes efforts to coordinate sexual violence data col-
18 lection to produce complementary information, as
19 appropriate, without compromising programmatic
20 needs.

21 (2) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term “sexual vio-
22 lence” includes an unwanted sexual act (including
23 both contact and non-contact) about which the Fed-
24 eral Government collects information.

1 **SEC. 1409. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.**

2 Not later than 3 months after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, a national domestic violence hotline for which
4 a grant is provided under section 313 of the Family Vio-
5 lence Prevention and Services Act shall include the vol-
6 untary feature of texting via telephone to ensure all meth-
7 ods of communication are available for victims and those
8 seeking assistance.

9 **SEC. 1410. DEPUTY DIRECTOR ON CULTURALLY SPECIFIC**
10 **COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF JUS-**
11 **TICE PROGRAMS.**

12 There shall be a Deputy Director on Culturally Spe-
13 cific Communities within the Office of Justice Programs
14 who shall, under the guidance and authority of the Direc-
15 tor of the Office of Justice Programs—

16 (1) oversee the administration of grants related
17 to culturally specific services and contracts with cul-
18 turally specific organizations;

19 (2) coordinate development of Federal policy,
20 protocols, and guidelines on matters relating to do-
21 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and
22 stalking, in culturally specific communities;

23 (3) advise the Assistant Attorney General of the
24 Office of Justice Programs concerning policies, legis-
25 lation, implementation of laws, and other issues re-
26 lating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual

1 assault and stalking in culturally specific commu-
2 nities;

3 (4) provide technical assistance, coordination,
4 and support to other offices and bureaus in the De-
5 partment of Justice to develop policy and to enforce
6 Federal laws relating to domestic violence, dating vi-
7 olence, sexual assault, and stalking in culturally spe-
8 cific communities;

9 (5) ensure that appropriate technical assistance,
10 developed and provided by entities having expertise
11 in culturally specific is made available to grantees
12 and potential grantees proposing to serve culturally
13 specific communities; and

14 (6) ensure access to grants and technical assist-
15 ance for culturally specific organizations and analyze
16 the distribution of funding in order to identify bar-
17 riers for culturally specific organizations.

18 **TITLE XV—CYBERCRIME**

19 **ENFORCEMENT**

20 **SEC. 1501. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS FOR EN-** 21 **FORCEMENT OF CYBERCRIMES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
23 propriations, the Attorney General shall award grants
24 under this section to States and units of local government

1 for the prevention, enforcement, and prosecution of
2 cybercrimes against individuals.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under
5 this section, the chief executive officer of a State or
6 unit of local government shall submit an application
7 to the Attorney General within 90 days after the
8 date on which funds to carry out this section are ap-
9 propriated for a fiscal year, in such form as the At-
10 torney General may require. Such application shall
11 include the following:

12 (A) A certification that Federal funds
13 made available under this section will not be
14 used to supplant State or local funds, but will
15 be used to increase the amounts of such funds
16 that would, in the absence of Federal funds, be
17 made available for law enforcement activities.

18 (B) An assurance that, not fewer than 30
19 days before the application (or any amendment
20 to the application) was submitted to the Attor-
21 ney General, the application (or amendment)
22 was submitted for review to the governing body
23 of the State or unit of local government (or to
24 an organization designated by that governing
25 body).

1 (C) An assurance that, before the applica-
2 tion (or any amendment to the application) was
3 submitted to the Attorney General—

4 (i) the application (or amendment)
5 was made public; and

6 (ii) an opportunity to comment on the
7 application (or amendment) was provided
8 to citizens and to neighborhood or commu-
9 nity-based organizations, to the extent ap-
10 plicable law or established procedure
11 makes such an opportunity available.

12 (D) An assurance that, for each fiscal year
13 covered by an application, the applicant shall
14 maintain and report such data, records, and in-
15 formation (programmatic and financial) as the
16 Attorney General may reasonably require.

17 (E) A certification, made in a form accept-
18 able to the Attorney General and executed by
19 the chief executive officer of the applicant (or
20 by another officer of the applicant, if qualified
21 under regulations promulgated by the Attorney
22 General), that—

23 (i) the programs to be funded by the
24 grant meet all the requirements of this sec-
25 tion;

1 (ii) all the information contained in
2 the application is correct;

3 (iii) there has been appropriate co-
4 ordination with affected agencies; and

5 (iv) the applicant will comply with all
6 provisions of this section and all other ap-
7 plicable Federal laws.

8 (F) A certification that the State or in the
9 case of a unit of local government, the State in
10 which the unit of local government is located,
11 has in effect criminal laws which prohibit
12 cybercrimes against individuals.

13 (G) A certification that any equipment de-
14 scribed in subsection (e)(7) purchased using
15 grant funds awarded under this section will be
16 used primarily for investigations and forensic
17 analysis of evidence in matters involving
18 cybercrimes against individuals.

19 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-
20 tion may only be used for programs that provide—

21 (1) training for State or local law enforcement
22 personnel relating to cybercrimes against individuals,
23 including—

1 (A) training such personnel to identify and
2 protect victims of cybercrimes against individ-
3 uals;

4 (B) training such personnel to utilize Fed-
5 eral, State, local, and other resources to assist
6 victims of cybercrimes against individuals;

7 (C) training such personnel to identify and
8 investigate cybercrimes against individuals;

9 (D) training such personnel to enforce and
10 utilize the laws that prohibit cybercrimes
11 against individuals;

12 (E) training such personnel to utilize tech-
13 nology to assist in the investigation of
14 cybercrimes against individuals and enforce-
15 ment of laws that prohibit such crimes; and

16 (F) the payment of overtime incurred as a
17 result of such training;

18 (2) training for State or local prosecutors,
19 judges, and judicial personnel, relating to
20 cybercrimes against individuals, including—

21 (A) training such personnel to identify, in-
22 vestigate, prosecute, or adjudicate cybercrimes
23 against individuals;

24 (B) training such personnel to utilize laws
25 that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;

1 (C) training such personnel to utilize Fed-
2 eral, State, local, and other resources to assist
3 victims of cybercrimes against individuals; and

4 (D) training such personnel to utilize tech-
5 nology to assist in the prosecution or adjudica-
6 tion of acts of cybercrimes against individuals,
7 including the use of technology to protect vic-
8 tims of such crimes;

9 (3) training for State or local emergency dis-
10 patch personnel relating to cybercrimes against indi-
11 viduals, including—

12 (A) training such personnel to identify and
13 protect victims of cybercrimes against individ-
14 uals;

15 (B) training such personnel to utilize Fed-
16 eral, State, local, and other resources to assist
17 victims of cybercrimes against individuals;

18 (C) training such personnel to utilize tech-
19 nology to assist in the identification of and re-
20 sponse to cybercrimes against individuals; and

21 (D) the payment of overtime incurred as a
22 result of such training;

23 (4) assistance to State or local law enforcement
24 agencies in enforcing laws that prohibit cybercrimes
25 against individuals, including expenses incurred in

1 performing enforcement operations, such as overtime
2 payments;

3 (5) assistance to State or local law enforcement
4 agencies in educating the public in order to prevent,
5 deter, and identify violations of laws that prohibit
6 cybercrimes against individuals;

7 (6) assistance to State or local law enforcement
8 agencies to establish task forces that operate solely
9 to conduct investigations, forensic analyses of evi-
10 dence, and prosecutions in matters involving
11 cybercrimes against individuals;

12 (7) assistance to State or local law enforcement
13 and prosecutors in acquiring computers, computer
14 equipment, and other equipment necessary to con-
15 duct investigations and forensic analysis of evidence
16 in matters involving cybercrimes against individuals,
17 including expenses incurred in the training, mainte-
18 nance, or acquisition of technical updates necessary
19 for the use of such equipment for the duration of a
20 reasonable period of use of such equipment;

21 (8) assistance in the facilitation and promotion
22 of sharing, with State and local law enforcement of-
23 ficers and prosecutors, of the expertise and informa-
24 tion of Federal law enforcement agencies about the
25 investigation, analysis, and prosecution of matters

1 involving laws that prohibit cybercrimes against indi-
2 viduals, including the use of multijurisdictional task
3 forces; or

4 (9) assistance to State and local law enforce-
5 ment and prosecutors in processing interstate extra-
6 dition requests for violations of laws involving
7 cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses
8 incurred in the extradition of an offender from one
9 State to another.

10 (d) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—On the date that
11 is 1 year after the date on which a State or unit of local
12 government receives a grant under this section, and annu-
13 ally thereafter, the chief executive of such State or unit
14 of local government shall submit to the Attorney General
15 a report which contains—

16 (1) a summary of the activities carried out dur-
17 ing the previous year with any grant received by
18 such State or unit of local government;

19 (2) an evaluation of the results of such activi-
20 ties; and

21 (3) such other information as the Attorney
22 General may reasonably require.

23 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Novem-
24 ber 1 of each even-numbered fiscal year, the Attorney
25 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary

1 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
2 the Judiciary of the Senate a report that contains a com-
3 pilation of the information contained in the report sub-
4 mitted under subsection (d).

5 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
7 appropriated to carry out this section \$20,000,000
8 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

9 (2) LIMITATION.—Of the amount made avail-
10 able under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year, not
11 more than 5 percent may be used for evaluation,
12 monitoring, technical assistance, salaries, and ad-
13 ministrative expenses.

14 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “cybercrimes against individuals”
16 means the criminal offenses applicable in the rel-
17 evant State or unit of local government that involve
18 the use of a computer to cause personal harm to an
19 individual, such as the use of a computer to harass,
20 threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear, intimidate,
21 without consent distribute intimate images of, or vio-
22 late the privacy of, an individual, except that—

23 (A) use of a computer need not be an ele-
24 ment of such an offense; and

1 (B) such term does not include the use of
2 a computer to cause harm to a commercial enti-
3 ty, government agency, or any non-natural per-
4 sons.

5 (2) The term “computer” includes a computer
6 network and an interactive electronic device.

7 **SEC. 1502. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER GRANT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
9 propriations, the Attorney General shall award a grant
10 under this section to an eligible entity for the purpose of
11 the establishment and maintenance of a National Re-
12 source Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals to pro-
13 vide resource information, training, and technical assist-
14 ance to improve the capacity of individuals, organizations,
15 governmental entities, and communities to prevent, en-
16 force, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—To request a grant under this
18 section, an eligible entity shall submit an application to
19 the Attorney General not later than 90 days after the date
20 on which funds to carry out this section are appropriated
21 for fiscal year 2022 in such form as the Attorney General
22 may require. Such application shall include the following:

23 (1) An assurance that, for each fiscal year cov-
24 ered by an application, the applicant shall maintain
25 and report such data, records, and information (pro-

1 grammatic and financial) as the Attorney General
2 may reasonably require.

3 (2) A certification, made in a form acceptable
4 to the Attorney General, that—

5 (A) the programs funded by the grant
6 meet all the requirements of this section;

7 (B) all the information contained in the
8 application is correct; and

9 (C) the applicant will comply with all pro-
10 visions of this section and all other applicable
11 Federal laws.

12 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The eligible entity awarded a
13 grant under this section shall use such amounts for the
14 establishment and maintenance of a National Resource
15 Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals, which shall—

16 (1) offer a comprehensive array of technical as-
17 sistance and training resources to Federal, State,
18 and local governmental agencies, community-based
19 organizations, and other professionals and interested
20 parties, related to cybercrimes against individuals,
21 including programs and research related to victims;

22 (2) maintain a resource library which shall col-
23 lect, prepare, analyze, and disseminate information
24 and statistics related to—

1 (A) the incidence of cybercrimes against
2 individuals;

3 (B) the enforcement, and prosecution of
4 laws relating to cybercrimes against individuals;
5 and

6 (C) the provision of supportive services and
7 resources for victims of cybercrimes against in-
8 dividuals; and

9 (3) conduct research related to—

10 (A) the causes of cybercrimes against indi-
11 viduals;

12 (B) the effect of cybercrimes against indi-
13 viduals on victims of such crimes; and

14 (C) model solutions to prevent or deter
15 cybercrimes against individuals or to enforce
16 the laws relating to cybercrimes against individ-
17 uals.

18 (d) DURATION OF GRANT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The grant awarded under
20 this section shall be awarded for a period of 5 years.

21 (2) RENEWAL.—A grant under this section may
22 be renewed for additional 5-year periods if the At-
23 torney General determines that the funds made
24 available to the recipient were used in a manner de-
25 scribed in subsection (c), and if the recipient resub-

1 mits an application described in subsection (b) in
2 such form, and at such time as the Attorney General
3 may reasonably require.

4 (e) SUBGRANTS.—The eligible entity awarded a grant
5 under this section may make subgrants to other nonprofit
6 private organizations with relevant subject matter exper-
7 tise in order to establish and maintain the National Re-
8 source Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals in ac-
9 cordance with subsection (c).

10 (f) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—On the date that
11 is 1 year after the date on which an eligible entity receives
12 a grant under this section, and annually thereafter for the
13 duration of the grant period, the entity shall submit to
14 the Attorney General a report which contains—

15 (1) a summary of the activities carried out
16 under the grant program during the previous year;

17 (2) an evaluation of the results of such activi-
18 ties; and

19 (3) such other information as the Attorney
20 General may reasonably require.

21 (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Novem-
22 ber 1 of each even-numbered fiscal year, the Attorney
23 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary
24 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
25 the Judiciary of the Senate a report that contains a com-

1 pilation of the information contained in the report sub-
2 mitted under subsection (d).

3 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

6 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) CYBERCRIMES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The
8 term “cybercrimes against individuals” has the
9 meaning given such term in section 1501(g).

10 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
11 ty” means a nonprofit private organization that fo-
12 cuses on cybercrimes against individuals and that—

13 (A) provides documentation to the Attor-
14 ney General demonstrating experience working
15 directly on issues of cybercrimes against indi-
16 viduals; and

17 (B) includes on the entity’s advisory board
18 representatives who have a documented history
19 of working directly on issues of cybercrimes
20 against individuals and who are geographically
21 and culturally diverse.

22 **SEC. 1503. NATIONAL STRATEGY, CLASSIFICATION, AND RE-**
23 **PORTING ON CYBERCRIME.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COMPUTER.—The term “computer” in-
2 cludes a computer network and any interactive elec-
3 tronic device.

4 (2) CYBERCRIME AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The
5 term “cybercrime against individuals” means a Fed-
6 eral, State, or local criminal offense that involves the
7 use of a computer to cause personal harm to an in-
8 dividual, such as the use of a computer to harass,
9 threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear, intimidate,
10 without consent distribute intimate images of, or vio-
11 late the privacy of, an individual, except that—

12 (A) use of a computer need not be an ele-
13 ment of the offense; and

14 (B) the term does not include the use of a
15 computer to cause harm to a commercial entity,
16 government agency, or non-natural person.

17 (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—The Attorney General
18 shall develop a national strategy to—

19 (1) reduce the incidence of cybercrimes against
20 individuals;

21 (2) coordinate investigations of cybercrimes
22 against individuals by Federal law enforcement
23 agencies; and

24 (3) increase the number of Federal prosecutions
25 of cybercrimes against individuals.

1 (c) CLASSIFICATION OF CYBERCRIMES AGAINST IN-
2 INDIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSES OF CRIME REPORTS.—In ac-
3 cordance with the authority of the Attorney General under
4 section 534 of title 28, United States Code, the Director
5 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall—

6 (1) design and create within the Uniform Crime
7 Reports a category for offenses that constitute
8 cybercrimes against individuals;

9 (2) to the extent feasible, within the category
10 established under paragraph (1), establish subcat-
11 egories for each type of cybercrime against individ-
12 uals that is an offense under Federal or State law;

13 (3) classify the category established under para-
14 graph (1) as a Part I crime in the Uniform Crime
15 Reports; and

16 (4) classify each type of cybercrime against in-
17 dividuals that is an offense under Federal or State
18 law as a Group A offense for the purpose of the Na-
19 tional Incident-Based Reporting System.

20 (d) ANNUAL SUMMARY.—The Attorney General shall
21 publish an annual summary of the information reported
22 in the Uniform Crime Reports and the National Incident-
23 Based Reporting System relating to cybercrimes against
24 individuals.

1 **TITLE XVI—KEEPING CHILDREN**
2 **SAFE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE**

3 **SEC. 1601. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Keeping Children Safe
5 From Family Violence Act” or “Kayden’s Law”.

6 **SEC. 1602. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Approximately 15 million children are ex-
9 posed each year to domestic violence and/or child
10 abuse.

11 (2) Most child abuse is perpetrated in the fam-
12 ily and by a parent. Intimate partner violence and
13 child abuse overlap in the same families at rates of
14 30 to 60 percent. A child’s risk of abuse increases
15 after a perpetrator of intimate partner violence sepa-
16 rates from their domestic partner, even when the
17 perpetrator had not previously directly abused the
18 child. Children who have witnessed intimate partner
19 violence are approximately four times more likely to
20 experience direct child maltreatment than children
21 who have not witnessed intimate partner violence.

22 (4) More than 75 percent of child sexual abuse
23 is perpetrated by a family member or a person
24 known to the child. U.S. Department of Justice data
25 shows that family members are almost half (49 per-

1 cent) of the perpetrators of child sex assault victims
2 under age 6.

3 (5) Research suggests a child's exposure to a
4 batterer is among the strongest indicators of risk of
5 incest victimization. One study found female children
6 whose fathers were batterers of the mother were six-
7 and-a-half times more likely to experience father-
8 daughter incest than female children who do not
9 have an abusive father.

10 (6) Child abuse is a major public health issue
11 in the United States. Total lifetime financial costs
12 associated with just one year of confirmed cases of
13 child maltreatment (including child physical abuse,
14 sexual abuse, psychological abuse and neglect) re-
15 sults in \$124 billion in annual costs to the U.S.
16 economy, or approximately one percent of the gross
17 domestic product.

18 (7) Empirical research indicates that allegations
19 of child physical and sexual abuse are regularly dis-
20 counted by courts when raised in child custody
21 cases, with fewer than one-fourth of claims that a
22 father has committed child physical or sexual abuse
23 believed; and where the allegedly abusive parent
24 claimed the mother was "alienating" the child, only
25 1 out of 51 claims of sexual molestation by a father

1 were believed. Independent research indicates that
2 child sexual abuse allegations are credible 50 to 70
3 percent of the time.

4 (8) Empirical research shows that alleged or
5 known abusive parents are often granted custody or
6 unprotected parenting time by courts. Approximately
7 one-third of parents alleged to have committed child
8 abuse took primary custody from the protective par-
9 ent reporting the abuse, placing children at ongoing
10 risk.

11 (9) Researchers have documented nearly 800
12 children murdered in the United States since 2008
13 by a divorcing or separating parent. More than 100
14 of these child murders are known to have occurred
15 after a court ordered the child into contact with the
16 dangerous parent over the objection of a safe parent
17 or caregiver.

18 (10) Scientifically unsound theories that treat
19 mothers' abuse allegations as likely false attempts to
20 undermine the father are frequently applied in fam-
21 ily court to minimize or deny parents' and children's
22 reports of abuse. Many experts who testify against
23 abuse allegations lack expertise in the relevant type
24 of alleged abuse, relying instead on unsound and
25 unproven theories.

1 (11) Judges presiding over custody cases with
2 allegations of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and
3 domestic violence are rarely required to receive
4 training on these subjects, nor have most states es-
5 tablished standards for such trainings.

6 **SEC. 1603. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this title are to:

8 (1) increase the priority given to child safety in
9 any private state court proceeding affecting chil-
10 dren’s care and custody, excluding child protective
11 and social service proceedings;

12 (2) strengthen courts’ abilities to recognize and
13 adjudicate domestic violence and child abuse allega-
14 tions based on valid, admissible evidence, and to
15 enter orders which protect and minimize the risk of
16 harm to children as the first priority; and

17 (3) ensure that professional personnel involved
18 in cases containing abuse allegations receive trauma-
19 informed and culturally appropriate training on the
20 dynamics, signs and impact of domestic violence and
21 child abuse, including child sexual abuse.

22 **SEC. 1604. DEFINITION OF COVERED FORMULA GRANT.**

23 The term “covered formula grant” means a grant
24 under part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
25 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10441 et seq.) (com-

1 monly referred to as the “STOP Violence Against Women
2 Formula Grant Program”).

3 **SEC. 1605. INCREASED FUNDING FOR FORMULA GRANTS**
4 **AUTHORIZED.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall in-
6 crease the amount provided to a State under the covered
7 formula grants in accordance with this title if—

8 (1) EVIDENCE.—

9 (A) EXPERTS.—The State has in place a
10 law ensuring that, in a custody proceeding
11 where a parent has been alleged to have com-
12 mitted domestic violence or child abuse, includ-
13 ing child sexual abuse, evidence from court-ap-
14 pointed or outside professionals regarding the
15 alleged abuse may be admitted only when the
16 professional possesses demonstrated expertise
17 and clinical, not solely forensic, experience in
18 working with victims of domestic violence or
19 child abuse, including child sexual abuse.

20 (B) NON-EXPERTS.—The State has in
21 place a law ensuring that, in a custody pro-
22 ceeding where a parent has been alleged to have
23 committed domestic violence or child abuse, in-
24 cluding child sexual abuse, evidence of past sex-
25 ual or physical abuse committed by a party, in-

1 cluding but not limited to any past or current
2 protection from abuse orders, sexual violence
3 abuse protection orders, arrests, or convictions,
4 must be considered in determining the truth of
5 any allegations of family violence.

6 (2) EXPERTS.—The State has in place uniform
7 required standards of domestic violence and child
8 abuse expertise and experience for all court-ap-
9 pointed neutral professional opinions related to
10 abuse, trauma, and the behaviors of victims and per-
11 petrators, which meet the criteria in paragraph
12 (1)(A).

13 (3) REMEDIES FOR A CHILD’S RESISTANCE TO
14 CONTACT WITH A PARENT.—The state has in place
15 a law ensuring that—

16 (A) NO REMOVAL OF CARE FROM SAFE
17 PARENT.—No child shall be removed from the
18 care of a competent protective, non-physically
19 or sexually abusive parent or litigating party to
20 whom the child is bonded or attached, nor shall
21 the child’s contact with such parent be re-
22 stricted, solely in order to improve a deficient
23 relationship with the other parent.

24 (B) REUNIFICATION TREATMENT.—No
25 “reunification treatment” may be ordered by

1 the court without scientifically valid and gen-
2 erally accepted proof of the safety, effectiveness
3 and therapeutic value of the particular treat-
4 ment, nor may any treatment predicated on
5 cutting off a child from the parent to whom
6 they are bonded or attached be ordered.

7 (C) CAUSES OF CHILD RESISTANCE.—Any
8 order to remediate a child’s contact resistance
9 must address the resisted parent’s behaviors or
10 contributions to the child’s resistance first, be-
11 fore ordering the preferred parent to take steps
12 to potentially improve the child’s relationship
13 with the parent they resist.

14 (4) TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The state has in place
16 an ongoing education and training program for
17 judges and magistrates who hear custody mat-
18 ters, and relevant court personnel, including
19 guardians ad litem, best interest attorneys,
20 counsel for children, custody evaluators, mas-
21 ters, and mediators, focusing solely on domestic
22 violence and child abuse, including—

- 23 (i) child sexual abuse;
24 (ii) physical abuse;
25 (iii) emotional abuse;

- 1 (iv) coercive control;
- 2 (v) implicit and explicit bias;
- 3 (vi) trauma;
- 4 (vii) long and short-term impacts of
- 5 domestic violence and child abuse on chil-
- 6 dren; and
- 7 (viii) victim and perpetrator behav-
- 8 iors.

9 (B) PROVIDERS.—Training must be pro-
10 vided by —

- 11 (i) professionals with substantial expe-
- 12 rience in assisting survivors of domestic vi-
- 13 olence or child abuse, such as a victim
- 14 service provider; and
- 15 (ii) where possible, survivors of do-
- 16 mestic violence, or child physical or sexual
- 17 abuse.

18 (C) EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH.—

- 19 (i) IN GENERAL.—The education and
- 20 training program in subparagraph (A)
- 21 shall rely on evidence-based and peer-re-
- 22 viewed research by recognized experts in
- 23 the types of abuse designated under this
- 24 section.

1 (ii) EXCLUSION.—The education and
2 training program shall not include theories,
3 concepts, and belief systems unsupported
4 by valid, credible scientific research.

5 (C) OBJECTIVE OF EDUCATION AND
6 TRAINING PROGRAM.—The education and train-
7 ing program shall be designed to improve the
8 ability of courts to recognize and respond to
9 child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, domes-
10 tic violence, and trauma on all family victims,
11 particularly children, and make appropriate
12 custody decisions that prioritize child safety and
13 well-being, and shall be culturally sensitive and
14 appropriate for diverse communities.

15 (D) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—Judges
16 and all other personnel identified in subpara-
17 graph (A) must receive at least 60 hours of ini-
18 tial training on these identified topics, and at
19 least 20 hours of this ongoing training every
20 two years.

21 (E) CUSTODY EVALUATOR REQUIRE-
22 MENTS.—Prior to being appointed in a case, a
23 custody evaluator shall, at a minimum, hold a
24 Master's degree in a relevant field and must

1 have completed the training requirements of
2 subparagraph (D).

3 (4) **LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**—The state shall
4 notify parties of the importance of legal representa-
5 tion and shall direct the parties to appropriate re-
6 sources.

7 (b) **GRANT INCREASE.**—The amount of the increase
8 provided to a State under the covered formula grant under
9 this title shall be equal to not more than 10 percent of
10 the average of the total amount of funding provided to
11 the State under the covered formula grant under the 3
12 most recent awards to the State.

13 **SEC. 1606. APPLICATION.**

14 A State seeking a grant under this title shall submit
15 an application to the Attorney General at such time, in
16 such manner, and containing such information as the At-
17 torney General may reasonably require, including informa-
18 tion regarding the law described in section 1605.

19 **SEC. 1607. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

20 Nothing in this title shall be interpreted to discourage
21 States from adopting additional provisions to increase safe
22 outcomes for children; additional protective provisions are
23 encouraged.

1 **SEC. 1608. GRANT TERM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The term of a covered grant shall
3 be for one year.

4 (b) RENEWAL.—A State that receives a covered grant
5 may submit an application for a renewal of such grant
6 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
7 mation as the Attorney General may reasonably require.

8 (c) LIMIT.—A State shall not receive a covered grant
9 for more than 4 years.

10 **SEC. 1609. USES OF FUNDS.**

11 A State that receives an increase under the covered
12 formula grants under this title shall use the amount of
13 the increase for subgrants pursuant to section
14 2007(c)(4)(C) or (D) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
15 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
16 10446(c)(4)).

17 **SEC. 1610. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
19 this title \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
20 2026.

