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To reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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**A BILL**

To reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994,  
and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of  
4 2022”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Universal definitions and grant conditions.
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- Sec. 4. Effective date.
- Sec. 5. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 6. Severability.

TITLE I—ENHANCING LEGAL TOOLS TO COMBAT DOMESTIC  
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- Sec. 101. Stop grants.
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- Sec. 103. Legal assistance for victims.
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dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
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TITLE II—IMPROVING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

- Sec. 201. Sexual assault services program.
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with disabilities and Deaf people.
- Sec. 204. Training and services to end abuse in later life.
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TITLE III—SERVICES, PROTECTION, AND JUSTICE FOR YOUNG  
VICTIMS

- Sec. 301. Rape prevention and education grant.
- Sec. 302. Creating hope through outreach, options, services, and education  
(CHOOSE) for children and youth.
- Sec. 303. Grants to combat violent crimes on campuses.
- Sec. 304. Study on State coverage of forensic examinations and related costs  
following a sexual assault.

TITLE IV—VIOLENCE REDUCTION PRACTICES

- Sec. 401. Study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
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#### TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM'S RESPONSE

- Sec. 501. Grants to strengthen the health care system's response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.  
 Sec. 502. Maternal mortality or morbidity study.  
 Sec. 503. Understanding sexual assault care in health systems.  
 Sec. 504. National report on sexual assault services in our nation's health system.  
 Sec. 505. Improving and strengthening the sexual assault examiner workforce clinical and continuing education pilot program.  
 Sec. 506. Expanding access to unified care.  
 Sec. 507. Expanding access to forensics for victims of interpersonal violence.

#### TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR VICTIMS

- Sec. 601. Housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.  
 Sec. 602. Ensuring compliance and implementation; prohibiting retaliation against victims.  
 Sec. 603. Protecting the right to report crime from one's home.  
 Sec. 604. Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.  
 Sec. 605. Addressing the housing needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.  
 Sec. 606. Study and report on housing and service needs of survivors of trafficking and individuals at risk for trafficking.

#### TITLE VII—ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR VICTIMS

- Sec. 701. Findings.  
 Sec. 702. National Resource Center on workplace responses to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.  
 Sec. 703. Provisions related to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.  
 Sec. 704. Study and reports on barriers to survivors' economic security access.  
 Sec. 705. GAO Study.

#### TITLE VIII—SAFETY FOR INDIAN WOMEN

##### Subtitle A—Tools to Enhance Public Safety for Indian Tribes

- Sec. 801. Findings and purposes.  
 Sec. 802. Tribal Access Program.  
 Sec. 803. Bureau of Prisons Tribal Prisoner Program.  
 Sec. 804. Tribal jurisdiction over covered crimes.

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 Sec. 813. Tribal jurisdiction in Alaska.

#### TITLE IX—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Sec. 901. Establishment of Office on Violence Against Women.
- Sec. 902. Senior Policy Advisor for Culturally Specific Communities of the Office on Violence Against Women.

#### TITLE X—IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

- Sec. 1001. Improving the treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals in Federal prisons.
- Sec. 1002. Health and safety of pregnant women and mothers.
- Sec. 1003. Research and report on women in Federal incarceration.
- Sec. 1004. Reentry planning and services for incarcerated women.
- Sec. 1005. Authorization of appropriations.

#### TITLE XI—LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOLS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

- Sec. 1101. NICS Denial Notification Act of 2022.
- Sec. 1102. Annual report to Congress.
- Sec. 1103. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.
- Sec. 1104. Review on criminal offenses affecting Native Hawaiians.

#### TITLE XII—CLOSING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSENT LOOPHOLE

- Sec. 1201. Short title.
- Sec. 1202. Penalties for civil rights offenses involving sexual misconduct.
- Sec. 1203. Incentives for States.
- Sec. 1204. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 1205. Definition.

#### TITLE XIII—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 1301. National stalker and domestic violence reduction.
- Sec. 1302. Federal victim and witness coordinators reauthorization.
- Sec. 1303. Child abuse training programs for judicial personnel and practitioners reauthorization.
- Sec. 1304. Sex offender management.
- Sec. 1305. Court-appointed special advocate program.
- Sec. 1306. Review of link between substance use and victims of domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Sec. 1307. Interagency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence.
- Sec. 1308. National resource center on workplace responses to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence assistance for microbusinesses.
- Sec. 1309. Civil action relating to disclosure of intimate images.
- Sec. 1310. Choose Respect Act.
- Sec. 1311. Technical correction to Victims of Crime Act.
- Sec. 1312. Eliminating the marriage defense to statutory rape.
- Sec. 1313. Deputy Assistant Attorney General on Culturally Specific Communities within the Office of Justice programs.
- Sec. 1314. Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education.
- Sec. 1315. Bree's Law.
- Sec. 1316. Fairness for Rape Kit Backlog Survivors Act of 2022.
- Sec. 1317. Study relating to State actions to prohibit aiding and abetting sexual misconduct in schools.
- Sec. 1318. Supporting access to nurse exams act.

## TITLE XIV—CYBERCRIME ENFORCEMENT

- Sec. 1401. Local law enforcement grants for enforcement of cybercrimes.  
 Sec. 1402. National Resource Center grant.  
 Sec. 1403. National strategy, classification, and reporting on cybercrime.

## TITLE XV—KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE

- Sec. 1501. Short title.  
 Sec. 1502. Findings.  
 Sec. 1503. Purposes.  
 Sec. 1504. Increased funding for STOP grants.  
 Sec. 1505. Sexual assault survivors' rights.  
 Sec. 1506. Grants to State and Tribal courts to implement protection order pilot programs.  
 Sec. 1507. Online survey tool for campus safety.  
 Sec. 1508. Study on child custody in domestic violence cases.

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

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 40002 of the Violence  
 3 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291) is amend-  
 4 ed—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
 7 by striking “In this title” and inserting “In this  
 8 title, for the purpose of grants authorized under  
 9 this title”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (43)  
 11 through (45) as paragraphs (50) through (52),  
 12 respectively;

13 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (34)  
 14 through (42) as paragraphs (41) through (49),  
 15 respectively;

16 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (26)  
 17 through (33) as paragraphs (32) through (39),  
 18 respectively;

1           (E) by redesignating paragraphs (18)  
2 through (25) as paragraphs (23) through (30),  
3 respectively;

4           (F) by redesignating paragraphs (16) and  
5 (17) as paragraphs (22) and (21), respectively,  
6 and transferring paragraph (22), as so redesign-  
7 ated, so as to appear before paragraph (23),  
8 as so redesignated;

9           (G) by redesignating paragraphs (12)  
10 through (15) as paragraphs (17) through (20),  
11 respectively;

12           (H) by redesignating paragraph (11) as  
13 paragraph (14);

14           (I) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and  
15 (10) as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively;

16           (J) by redesignating paragraph (8) as  
17 paragraph (12), and transferring it to appear  
18 after paragraph (11), as so redesignated;

19           (K) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and  
20 (7) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively;

21           (L) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
22 paragraph (7), and transferring it to appear be-  
23 fore paragraph (8), as so redesignated;

24           (M) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and  
25 (5) as paragraphs (5) and (4), respectively, and

1 transferring paragraph (4), as so redesignated,  
 2 so as to appear after paragraph (3);

3 (N) by redesignating paragraph (1) as  
 4 paragraph (2);

5 (O) by inserting before paragraph (2), as  
 6 so redesignated, the following:

7 “(1) ABUSE IN LATER LIFE .—The term ‘abuse  
 8 in later life’—

9 “(A) means—

10 “(i) neglect, abandonment, economic  
 11 abuse, or willful harm of an adult aged 50  
 12 or older by an individual in an ongoing re-  
 13 lationship of trust with the victim; or

14 “(ii) domestic violence, dating vio-  
 15 lence, sexual assault, or stalking of an  
 16 adult aged 50 or older by any individual;  
 17 and

18 “(B) does not include self-neglect.”;

19 (P) by inserting after paragraph (5), as so  
 20 redesignated, the following:

21 “(6) COURT-BASED PERSONNEL; COURT-RE-  
 22 LATED PERSONNEL.—The terms ‘court-based per-  
 23 sonnel’ and ‘court-related personnel’ mean individ-  
 24 uals working in the court, whether paid or volunteer,  
 25 including—

1           “(A) clerks, special masters, domestic rela-  
2           tions officers, administrators, mediators, cus-  
3           tody evaluators, guardians ad litem, lawyers,  
4           negotiators, probation, parole, interpreters, vic-  
5           tim assistants, victim advocates, and judicial,  
6           administrative, or any other professionals or  
7           personnel similarly involved in the legal process;

8           “(B) court security personnel;

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

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

17          (Q) in paragraph (12), as so redesignated,  
18          by striking “includes felony” and all that fol-  
19          lows through “jurisdiction.” and inserting the  
20          following: “includes felony or misdemeanor  
21          crimes committed by a current or former spouse  
22          or intimate partner of the victim under the  
23          family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdic-  
24          tion receiving grant funding and, in the case of  
25          victim services, includes the use or attempted



1 use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pat-  
2 tern of any other coercive behavior committed,  
3 enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power  
4 and control over a victim, including verbal, psy-  
5 chological, economic, or technological abuse that  
6 may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by  
7 a person who—

8 “(A) is a current or former spouse or inti-  
9 mate partner of the victim, or person similarly  
10 situated to a spouse of the victim;

11 “(B) is cohabitating, or has cohabitated,  
12 with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;

13 “(C) shares a child in common with the  
14 victim; or

15 “(D) commits acts against a youth or  
16 adult victim who is protected from those acts  
17 under the family or domestic violence laws of  
18 the jurisdiction.”;

19 (R) by inserting after paragraph (12), as  
20 so redesignated, the following:

21 “(13) ECONOMIC ABUSE.—The term ‘economic  
22 abuse’, in the context of domestic violence, dating vi-  
23 olence, and abuse in later life, means behavior that  
24 is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls or re-  
25 strains a person’s ability to acquire, use, or maintain

1 economic resources to which they are entitled, in-  
2 cluding using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to—

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

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

8 “(C) exert undue influence over a person’s  
9 financial and economic behavior or decisions,  
10 including forcing default on joint or other fi-  
11 nancial obligations, exploiting powers of attor-  
12 ney, guardianship, or conservatorship, or failing  
13 or neglecting to act in the best interests of a  
14 person to whom one has a fiduciary duty.”;

15 (S) by inserting after paragraph (14), as  
16 so redesignated, the following:

17 “(15) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION OR CUT-  
18 TING.—The term ‘female genital mutilation or cut-  
19 ting’ has the meaning given such term in section  
20 116 of title 18, United States Code.

21 “(16) FORCED MARRIAGE.—The term ‘forced  
22 marriage’ means a marriage to which 1 or both par-  
23 ties do not or cannot consent, and in which 1 or  
24 more elements of force, fraud, or coercion is present.  
25 Forced marriage can be both a cause and a con-

1 sequence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
2 assault or stalking.”;

3 (T) by striking paragraph (17), as so re-  
4 designated, and inserting the following:

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

7 (U) in paragraph (22), as so redesign-  
8 nated—

9 (i) in the heading, by inserting “; IN-  
10 DIAN TRIBE” after “TRIBE”; and

11 (ii) by striking “term ‘Indian tribe’  
12 means” and inserting “terms ‘Indian tribe’  
13 and ‘Indian Tribe’ mean”;

14 (V) by striking paragraph (24), as so re-  
15 designated, and inserting the following:

16 “(24) LEGAL ASSISTANCE.—

17 “(A) DEFINITION.—The term ‘legal assist-  
18 ance’ means assistance provided by or under  
19 the direct supervision of a person described in  
20 subparagraph (B) to an adult, youth, or child  
21 victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
22 ual assault, or stalking relating to a matter de-  
23 scribed in subparagraph (C).

24 “(B) PERSON DESCRIBED.—A person de-  
25 scribed in this subparagraph is—

1 “(i) a licensed attorney;

2 “(ii) in immigration proceedings, a  
3 Board of Immigration Appeals accredited  
4 representative;

5 “(iii) in claims of the Department of  
6 Veterans Affairs, a representative author-  
7 ized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;  
8 or

9 “(iv) any person who functions as an  
10 attorney or lay advocate in tribal court.

11 “(C) MATTER DESCRIBED.—A matter de-  
12 scribed in this subparagraph is a matter relat-  
13 ing 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 other injunctive proceedings, re-  
20 lated enforcement proceedings, and other  
21 similar matters;

22 “(ii) criminal justice investigations,  
23 prosecutions, and post-conviction matters  
24 (including sentencing, parole, and proba-

1           tion) that impact the victim’s safety, pri-  
2           vacy, or other interests as a victim;

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; or

8           “(iv) with respect to a conviction of a  
9           victim relating to or arising from domestic  
10          violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
11          stalking, or sex trafficking victimization of  
12          the victim, post-conviction relief pro-  
13          ceedings in State, local, Tribal, or terri-  
14          torial court.

15          “(D) INTAKE OR REFERRAL.—For pur-  
16          poses of this paragraph, intake or referral, by  
17          itself, does not constitute legal assistance.”;

18          (W) by inserting after paragraph (30), as  
19          so redesignated, the following:

20          “(31) RESTORATIVE PRACTICE.—The term ‘re-  
21          storative practice’ means a practice relating to a  
22          specific harm that—

23                  “(A) is community-based;

24                  “(B) is initiated voluntarily at the request  
25          of the victim of the harm;

1           “(C) involves (on an ongoing voluntary  
2 basis and without any evidence of coercion or  
3 intimidation of any victim of the harm)—

4           “(i) any individual who committed the  
5 harm;

6           “(ii) any victim of the harm; and

7           “(iii) the community affected by the  
8 harm through 1 or more representatives of  
9 the community;

10          “(D) shall include and has the goal of—

11           “(i) collectively seeking accountability  
12 from each individual who committed the  
13 harm;

14           “(ii) developing a written process  
15 whereby each individual who committed the  
16 harm will take responsibility for the ac-  
17 tions that caused harm to each victim of  
18 the harm; and

19           “(iii) developing a written course of  
20 action plan—

21           “(I) that is responsive to the  
22 needs of any victim of the harm; and

23           “(II) upon which any victim, any  
24 individual who committed the harm,  
25 and the community agree; and

1           “(E) is conducted in a victim services  
2           framework that protects the safety and sup-  
3           ports the autonomy of each victim of the harm  
4           and the community.”;

5           (X) by inserting after paragraph (39), as  
6           so redesignated, the following:

7           “(40) TECHNOLOGICAL ABUSE.—The term  
8           ‘technological abuse’ means an act or pattern of be-  
9           havior that occurs within domestic violence, sexual  
10          assault, dating violence or stalking and is intended  
11          to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass,  
12          impersonate, exploit, extort, or monitor, except as  
13          otherwise permitted by law, another person, that oc-  
14          curs using any form of technology, including but not  
15          limited to: internet enabled devices, online spaces  
16          and platforms, computers, mobile devices, cameras  
17          and imaging programs, apps, location tracking de-  
18          vices, or communication technologies, or any other  
19          emerging technologies.”; and

20          (Y) in paragraph (50), as so redesignated,  
21          by inserting “legal assistance and” before  
22          “legal advocacy”; and

23          (2) in subsection (b)—

24          (A) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end  
25          the following:

1           “(H) DEATH OF THE PARTY WHOSE PRI-  
2 VACY HAD BEEN PROTECTED.—In the event of  
3 the death of any victim whose confidentiality  
4 and privacy is required to be protected under  
5 this subsection, grantees and subgrantees may  
6 share personally identifying information or indi-  
7 vidual information that is collected about de-  
8 ceased victims being sought for a fatality review  
9 to the extent permitted by their jurisdiction’s  
10 law and only if the following conditions are met:

11           “(i) The underlying objectives of the  
12 fatality review are to prevent future  
13 deaths, enhance victim safety, and increase  
14 offender accountability.

15           “(ii) The fatality review includes poli-  
16 cies and protocols to protect identifying in-  
17 formation, including identifying informa-  
18 tion about the victim’s children, from fur-  
19 ther release outside the fatality review  
20 team.

21           “(iii) The grantee or subgrantee  
22 makes a reasonable effort to get a release  
23 from the victim’s personal representative  
24 (if one has been appointed) and from any  
25 surviving minor children or the guardian of



1 such children (but not if the guardian is  
2 the abuser of the deceased parent), if the  
3 children are not capable of knowingly con-  
4 senting.

5 “(iv) The information released is lim-  
6 ited to that which is necessary for the pur-  
7 poses of the fatality review.”;

8 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
9 riod at the end and inserting “if—

10 “(A) the confidentiality and privacy re-  
11 quirements of this title are maintained; and

12 “(B) personally identifying information  
13 about adult, youth, and child victims of domes-  
14 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
15 stalking is not requested or included in any  
16 such collaboration or information-sharing.”;

17 (C) in paragraph (11)—

18 (i) by striking “Of the total” and in-  
19 serting the following:

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total”; and

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

23 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—The Office on Vio-  
24 lence Against Women shall make all technical  
25 assistance available as broadly as possible to

1 any appropriate grantees, subgrantees, potential  
2 grantees, or other entities without regard to  
3 whether the entity has received funding from  
4 the Office on Violence Against Women for a  
5 particular program or project, with priority  
6 given to recipients awarded a grant before the  
7 date of enactment of the Violence Against  
8 Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022.”;

9 (D) in paragraph (14)—

10 (i) by striking “services and assist-  
11 ance to victims” and inserting “services  
12 and assistance to—

13 “(A) victims”;

14 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
15 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

18 “(B) adult survivors of child sexual abuse;

19 and

20 “(C) victims of domestic violence, dating  
21 violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are also  
22 victims of female genital mutilation or cutting,  
23 or forced marriage.”;

24 (E) by striking paragraph (15);

1 (F) by redesignating paragraph (16) as  
2 paragraph (15); and

3 (G) in paragraph (15), as so redesign-  
4 nated—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
6 clause (iii) and inserting the following:

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

15 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by strik-  
16 ing “\$20,000” and inserting “\$100,000”  
17 and by inserting “the Director or Principal  
18 Deputy Director of the Office on Violence  
19 Against Women or” before “the Deputy  
20 Attorney General”; and

21 (H) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(16) INNOVATION FUND.—Of the amounts ap-  
23 propriated to carry out this title, not more than 1  
24 percent shall be made available for pilot projects,  
25 demonstration projects, and special initiatives de-

1 signed to improve Federal, State, local, Tribal, and  
2 other community responses to gender-based vio-  
3 lence.”.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS AND GRANT CONDITIONS.—Section  
5 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34  
6 U.S.C. 12291) shall apply to this Act and any grant pro-  
7 gram authorized under this Act.

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

9 Each head of an Executive department (as defined  
10 in section 101 of title 5, United States Code) responsible  
11 for carrying out a program under this Act, the Violence  
12 Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–  
13 322; 108 Stat. 1902), the Violence Against Women Act  
14 of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–386; 114 Stat.  
15 1491), the Violence Against Women and Department of  
16 Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (title IX of Public  
17 Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080), or the Violence Against  
18 Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–  
19 4; 127 Stat. 54) may coordinate and collaborate on the  
20 prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
21 sault, and stalking, including sharing best practices and  
22 efficient use of resources and technology for victims and  
23 those seeking assistance from the Federal Government.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

6 (b) EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Sections  
7 106, 107, 304, 606, 803, and 1306 and any amendments  
8 made by such sections shall take effect on the date of en-  
9 actment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

11 It is the sense of Congress—

12 (1) that sex trafficking victims experience sex-  
13 ual violence and assault; and

14 (2) that Federal recognition of their recovery is  
15 important.

16 **SEC. 6. SEVERABILITY.**

17 If any provision of this Act, an amendment made by  
18 this Act, or the application of such provision or amend-  
19 ment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconsti-  
20 tutional, the remainder of this Act and the amendments  
21 made by this Act, and the application of the provisions  
22 or amendment to any other person or circumstance, shall  
23 not be affected.

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 (34 U.S.C. 10441)—

11 (A) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraph (3), by inserting be-  
13 fore the semicolon at the end the following:  
14 “, including implementation of the grant  
15 conditions in section 40002(b) of the Vio-  
16 lence Against Women Act of 1994 (34  
17 U.S.C. 12291(b))”;

18 (ii) in paragraph (5), by inserting  
19 “and legal assistance” after “improving  
20 delivery of victim services”; and

21 (iii) in paragraph (9)—

22 (I) by striking “older and dis-  
23 abled women” and inserting “individ-  
24 uals 50 years of age or over, individ-

1 uals with disabilities, and Deaf indi-  
2 viduals”;

3 (II) by inserting “legal assist-  
4 ance,” after “counseling,”; and

5 (III) by striking “older and dis-  
6 abled individuals” and inserting “indi-  
7 viduals”;

8 (iv) in paragraph (11), by inserting  
9 before the semicolon at the end the fol-  
10 lowing: “, including rehabilitative work  
11 with offenders”;

12 (v) in paragraph (19), by striking  
13 “and” at the end;

14 (vi) in paragraph (20)—

15 (I) by striking “or stalking” and  
16 inserting “stalking, or female genital  
17 mutilation or cutting”;

18 (II) by striking the period at the  
19 end and inserting a semicolon; and

20 (vii) by inserting after paragraph  
21 (20), the following:

22 “(21) developing, enhancing, or strengthening  
23 programs and projects to improve evidence collection  
24 methods for victims of domestic violence, dating vio-  
25 lence, sexual assault, or stalking, including through

1 funding for technology that better detects bruising  
2 and injuries across skin tones and related training;

3 “(22) developing, enlarging, or strengthening  
4 culturally specific victim services programs to pro-  
5 vide culturally specific victim services and responses  
6 to female genital mutilation or cutting;

7 “(23) providing victim advocates in State or  
8 local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors’ offices,  
9 and courts to provide supportive services and advo-  
10 cacy to Indian victims of domestic violence, dating  
11 violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

12 “(24) paying any fees charged by any govern-  
13 mental authority for furnishing a victim or the child  
14 of a victim with any of the following documents:

15 “(A) A birth certificate or passport of the  
16 individual, as required by law.

17 “(B) An identification card issued to the  
18 individual by a State or Tribe, that shows that  
19 the individual is a resident of the State or a  
20 member of the Tribe.”; and

21 (B) in subsection (d)(3), in the matter pre-  
22 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2014  
23 through 2018” and inserting “2023 through  
24 2027”;

25 (2) in section 2007 (34 U.S.C. 10446)—



1 (A) in subsection (d)—

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

5 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (4)  
6 the following:

7 “(5) proof of compliance with the requirements  
8 regarding training for victim-centered prosecution  
9 described in section 2017;

10 “(6) certification of compliance with the grant  
11 conditions under section 40002(b) of the Violence  
12 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)),  
13 as applicable;”;

14 (B) in subsection (i)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting be-  
16 fore the semicolon at the end the following:  
17 “and the requirements under section  
18 40002(b) of the Violence Against Women  
19 Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)), as ap-  
20 plicable”; and

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

24 (C) in subsection (j)(2), by adding a period  
25 at the end; and

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

2 **“SEC. 2017. GRANT ELIGIBILITY REGARDING COMPELLING**  
3 **VICTIM TESTIMONY.**

4 “In order for a prosecutor’s office to be eligible to  
5 receive grant funds under this part, the head of the office  
6 shall certify, to the State, Indian Tribal government, or  
7 territorial government receiving the grant funding, that  
8 the office will, during the 3-year period beginning on the  
9 date on which the grant is awarded, engage in planning,  
10 developing and implementing—

11 “(1) training developed by experts in the field  
12 regarding victim-centered approaches in domestic vi-  
13 olence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking  
14 cases;

15 “(2) policies that support a victim-centered ap-  
16 proach, informed by such training; and

17 “(3) a protocol outlining alternative practices  
18 and procedures for material witness petitions and  
19 bench warrants, consistent with best practices, that  
20 shall be exhausted before employing material witness  
21 petitions and bench warrants to obtain victim-wit-  
22 ness testimony in the investigation, prosecution, and  
23 trial of a crime related to domestic violence, sexual  
24 assault, dating violence, and stalking of the victim in

1 order to prevent further victimization and trauma to  
2 the victim.”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
4 1001(a)(18) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and  
5 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(18)) is  
6 amended by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting  
7 “2023 through 2027”.

8 **SEC. 102. GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RE-**  
9 **SPONSE.**

10 (a) HEADING.—Part U of title I of the Omnibus  
11 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
12 10461 et seq.) is amended in the heading, by striking  
13 “**GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES**” and in-  
14 serting “**GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUS-**  
15 **TICE RESPONSE**”.

16 (b) GRANTS.—Section 2101 of title I of the Omnibus  
17 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
18 10461) is amended—

19 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
20 following:

21 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this part is to assist  
22 States, Indian Tribal governments, State and local courts  
23 (including juvenile courts), Tribal courts, and units of  
24 local government to improve the criminal justice response  
25 to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and

1 stalking as serious violations of criminal law, and to seek  
2 safety and autonomy for victims.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

7 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “legal  
8 advocacy service programs” and inserting “legal  
9 advocacy and legal assistance programs”;

10 (C) in paragraph (8), by striking “older in-  
11 dividuals (as defined in section 102 of the Older  
12 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002))” and  
13 inserting “individuals 50 years of age or over  
14 and Deaf individuals”;

15 (D) in paragraph (19), by inserting before  
16 the period at the end the following “, including  
17 victims among underserved populations (as de-  
18 fined in section 40002(a) of the Violence  
19 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
20 12291(a)))”; and

21 (E) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(25) To develop Statewide databases with in-  
23 formation on where sexual assault nurse examiners  
24 are located.

1           “(26) To develop and implement alternative  
2 methods of reducing crime in communities, to sup-  
3 plant punitive programs or policies. For purposes of  
4 this paragraph, a punitive program or policy is a  
5 program or policy that—

6           “(A) imposes a penalty on a victim of do-  
7 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
8 or stalking, on the basis of a request by the vic-  
9 tim for law enforcement or emergency assist-  
10 ance; or

11           “(B) imposes a penalty on such a victim  
12 because of criminal activity at the property in  
13 which the victim resides.”; and

14           (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

15           (A) in subparagraph (A)—

16           (i) in clause (i), by striking “encour-  
17 age or mandate arrests of domestic vio-  
18 lence offenders” and inserting “encourage  
19 arrests of offenders”; and

20           (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “encour-  
21 age or mandate arrest of domestic violence  
22 offenders” and inserting “encourage arrest  
23 of offenders”;

24           (B) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking  
25 “and” at the end; and

1 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (E)  
2 the following:

3 “(F) except for a court, not later than 3  
4 years after the date on which an eligible grant-  
5 ee receives the first award under this part after  
6 the date of enactment of the Violence Against  
7 Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, cer-  
8 tify that the laws, policies, and practices of the  
9 State or the jurisdiction in which the eligible  
10 grantee is located ensure that prosecutor’s of-  
11 fices engage in planning, developing, and imple-  
12 menting—

13 “(i) training developed by experts in  
14 the field regarding victim-centered ap-  
15 proaches in domestic violence, sexual as-  
16 sault, dating violence, and stalking cases;

17 “(ii) policies that support a victim-  
18 centered approach, informed by such train-  
19 ing; and

20 “(iii) a protocol outlining alternative  
21 practices and procedures for material wit-  
22 ness petitions and bench warrants, con-  
23 sistent with best practices, that shall be ex-  
24 hausted before employing material witness  
25 petitions and bench warrants to obtain vic-

1 tim-witness testimony in the investigation,  
2 prosecution, and trial of a crime related to  
3 domestic violence, sexual assault, dating vi-  
4 olence, and stalking of the victim in order  
5 to prevent further victimization and trau-  
6 ma to the victim; and

7 “(G) except for a court, certify whether the  
8 laws, policies, and practices of the State or the  
9 jurisdiction in which the eligible grantee is lo-  
10 cated prohibits the prosecution of a minor  
11 under the age of 18 with respect to prostitu-  
12 tion; and”.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
14 1001(a)(19) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and  
15 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(19)) is  
16 amended by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting  
17 “2023 through 2027”.

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

19 Section 1201 of division B of the Victims of Traf-  
20 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.  
21 20121) is amended—

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

1 (2) in subsection (d)—

2 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
3 follows:

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

6 “(A)(i) is a licensed attorney or is working  
7 under the direct supervision of a licensed attor-  
8 ney;

9 “(ii) in immigration proceedings, is a  
10 Board of Immigration Appeals accredited rep-  
11 resentative;

12 “(iii) in Veterans’ Administration claims,  
13 is an accredited representative; or

14 “(iv) is any person who functions as an at-  
15 torney or lay advocate in Tribal court; and

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

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

23 “(II) has completed, or will complete,  
24 training in connection with domestic violence,  
25 dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and



1 related legal issues, including training on evi-  
 2 dence-based risk factors for domestic and dat-  
 3 ing violence homicide;”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or  
 5 local” and insert the following: “local, or cul-  
 6 turally specific”;

7 (C) in paragraph (4), after “dating vio-  
 8 lence,” by inserting “stalking;” and  
 9 (3) in subsection (f)(1)—

10 (A) by striking “\$57,000,000” and insert-  
 11 ing “\$60,000,000”; and

12 (B) by striking “2014 through 2018” and  
 13 inserting “2023 through 2027”.

14 **SEC. 104. GRANTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THE JUSTICE**  
 15 **SYSTEM.**

16 Section 1301 of division B of the Victims of Traf-  
 17 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.  
 18 12464) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(8), by striking “to im-  
 20 prove” and inserting “improve”;

21 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2014 through  
 22 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”; and

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

1 “(g) CULTURAL RELEVANCE.—Any services provided  
 2 pursuant to a grant funded under this section shall be pro-  
 3 vided in a culturally relevant manner.”.

4 **SEC. 105. OUTREACH AND SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED**  
 5 **POPULATIONS GRANTS.**

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

9 (1) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “Native  
 10 Hawaiian,” before “or local organization”;

11 (2) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) in paragraph (4)—

13 (i) by striking “effectiveness” and in-  
 14 serting “response”;

15 (ii) by inserting “population-specific”  
 16 before “training”; and

17 (iii) by striking “or” at the end;

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

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

21 “(6) developing, enlarging, or strengthening  
 22 culturally specific programs and projects to provide  
 23 culturally specific services regarding responses to,  
 24 and prevention of, female genital mutilation and cut-  
 25 ting; or

1           “(7) strengthening the response of social and  
2           human services by providing population-specific  
3           training for service providers on domestic violence,  
4           dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in under-  
5           served populations.”; and

6           (3) in subsection (g)—

7                   (A) by striking “\$2,000,000” and inserting  
8                   “\$6,000,000”; and

9                   (B) by striking “2014 through 2018” and  
10                  inserting “2023 through 2027”.

11 **SEC. 106. CRIMINAL PROVISIONS.**

12           Section 2265(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code,  
13 is amended—

14                  (1) by striking “restraining order or injunc-  
15                  tion,”; and

16                  (2) by adding at the end the following: “The  
17                  prohibition under this paragraph applies to all pro-  
18                  tection orders for the protection of a person residing  
19                  within a State, territorial, or Tribal jurisdiction,  
20                  whether or not the protection order was issued by  
21                  that State, territory, or Tribe.”.

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

23           Section 409 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking  
24 Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. 21308) is amended by striking

1 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2023 through  
2 2027”.

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

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

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) by striking “paragraph (a)(2) of  
13 this subsection” and inserting “paragraph  
14 (2)”; and

15 (ii) by striking “shall take 5 percent  
16 of such appropriated amounts” and insert-  
17 ing “shall take 15 percent of such appro-  
18 priated amounts for the program under  
19 paragraph (2)(A) and 5 percent of such  
20 appropriated amounts for the programs  
21 under subparagraphs (B) through (E) of  
22 paragraph (2)”; and

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

24 “(3) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-**  
25 **PRIATIONS.**—In addition to the amounts made avail-

1 able under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be  
2 appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000  
3 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

4 “(4) DISTRIBUTION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount  
6 available for grants under this section, not less  
7 than 40 percent of such funds shall be allocated  
8 for programs or projects that meaningfully ad-  
9 dress non-intimate partner relationship sexual  
10 assault.

11 “(B) ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION.—Not-  
12 withstanding 40002(b)(11) of the Violence  
13 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
14 12291(b)(11)), the Director may allocate a por-  
15 tion of funds described in subparagraph (A) to  
16 enhanced technical assistance relating to non-  
17 intimate partner sexual assault if the Office on  
18 Violence Against Women does not receive suffi-  
19 cient qualified applications proposing to address  
20 non-intimate partner relationship sexual as-  
21 sault.”;

22 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by adding at the end  
23 the following: “Not less than 1 such organization  
24 shall have demonstrated expertise primarily in do-  
25 mestic violence services, and not less than 1 such or-

1 organization shall have demonstrated expertise pri-  
 2 marily in non-intimate partner sexual assault serv-  
 3 ices.”;

4 (3) by striking subsection (e); and

5 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (h)  
 6 as subsections (e) through (g), respectively.

7 **SEC. 109. PILOT PROGRAM ON RESTORATIVE PRACTICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Violence Against Women Act  
 9 of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), as amended  
 10 by section 205, is further amended by adding at the end  
 11 the following:

12 **“Subtitle R—Restorative Practices**

13 **“SEC. 41801. PILOT PROGRAM ON RESTORATIVE PRAC-**  
 14 **TICES.**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
 17 the Director of the Office on Violence Against  
 18 Women.

19 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
 20 tity’ means—

21 “(A) a State;

22 “(B) a unit of local government;

23 “(C) a tribal government;

24 “(D) a tribal organization;

25 “(E) a victim service provider;

1           “(F) an institution of higher education (as  
2 defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Edu-  
3 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); and

4           “(G) a private or public nonprofit organi-  
5 zation, including—

6                   “(i) a tribal nonprofit organization;

7                   and

8                   “(ii) a faith-based nonprofit organiza-  
9 tion.

10           “(3) RESTORATIVE PRACTICE.—The term ‘re-  
11 storative practice’ means a practice relating to a  
12 specific harm that—

13                   “(A) is community-based and unaffiliated  
14 with any civil or criminal legal process;

15                   “(B) is initiated by the victim of the harm;

16                   “(C) involves, on a voluntary basis and  
17 without any evidence of coercion or intimidation  
18 of any victim of the harm by any individual who  
19 committed the harm or anyone associated with  
20 any such individual—

21                           “(i) any individual who committed the  
22 harm;

23                           “(ii) any victim of the harm; and

1           “(iii) the community affected by the  
2           harm through 1 or more representatives of  
3           the community;

4           “(D) shall include and has the goal of—

5                 “(i) collectively seeking accountability  
6                 from 1 or more individuals who committed  
7                 the harm;

8                 “(ii) developing a written process  
9                 whereby 1 or more individuals who com-  
10                mitted the harm will take responsibility for  
11                the actions that caused harm to each vic-  
12                tim of the harm; and

13                “(iii) developing a written course of  
14                action plan—

15                         “(I) that is responsive to the  
16                         needs of any victim of the harm; and

17                         “(II) upon which any victim, any  
18                         individual who committed the harm,  
19                         and the community can agree; and

20                 “(E) is conducted in a victim services  
21                 framework that protects the safety and sup-  
22                 ports the autonomy of 1 or more victims of the  
23                 harm and the community.



1       “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Director shall  
2 award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement  
3 a program, or to assess best practices, for—

4               “(1) restorative practices to prevent or address  
5 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
6 stalking;

7               “(2) training by eligible entities, or for eligible  
8 entities, courts, or prosecutors, on restorative prac-  
9 tices and program implementation; and

10              “(3) evaluations of a restorative practice de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (1).

12       “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under sub-  
13 section (b), the Director shall give priority to eligible enti-  
14 ties that submit proposals that meaningfully address the  
15 needs of culturally specific or underserved populations.

16       “(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a  
17 grant under this section, an eligible entity shall dem-  
18 onstrate a history of comprehensive training and experi-  
19 ence in working with victims of domestic violence, dating  
20 violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

21       “(e) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

22              “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity or a sub-  
23 grantee of an eligible entity that offers a restorative  
24 practices program with funds awarded under this  
25 section shall ensure that such program—

1           “(A) includes set practices and procedures  
2 for screening the suitability of any individual  
3 who committed a harm based on—

4           “(i) the history of civil and criminal  
5 complaints against the individual involving  
6 domestic violence, sexual assault, dating vi-  
7 olence, or stalking;

8           “(ii) parole or probation violations of  
9 the individual or whether active parole or  
10 probation supervision of the individual is  
11 being conducted for prior offenses involv-  
12 ing domestic violence, sexual assault, dat-  
13 ing violence, or stalking;

14           “(iii) the risk to the safety of any vic-  
15 tim of the harm based on an evidence-  
16 based risk assessment;

17           “(iv) the risk to public safety, includ-  
18 ing an evidence-based risk assessment of  
19 the danger to the public; and

20           “(v) past participation of any indi-  
21 vidual who committed the harm in restora-  
22 tive practice programing; and

23           “(B) denies eligibility to participate in the  
24 program for any individual who committed a  
25 harm against whom there is—

1           “(i) a pending felony or misdemeanor  
2 prosecution for an offense against any vic-  
3 tim of the harm or a dependent of any  
4 such victim;

5           “(ii) a restraining order or a protec-  
6 tion order (as defined in section 2266 of  
7 title 18, United States Code) that protects  
8 any victim of the harm or a dependent of  
9 any such victim, unless there is an excep-  
10 tion in the restraining order or protective  
11 order allowing for participation in a restor-  
12 ative practices program;

13           “(iii) a pending criminal charge in-  
14 volving or relating to sexual assault, in-  
15 cluding rape, human trafficking, or child  
16 abuse, including child sexual abuse; or

17           “(iv) a conviction for child sexual  
18 abuse against the victim or a sibling of the  
19 victim if the victim or sibling of the victim  
20 is currently a minor.

21           “(2) REFERRAL.—With respect to a risk as-  
22 sessment described in paragraph (1)(A)(iii) for  
23 which an eligible entity or a subgrantee of an eligible  
24 entity determines that a victim or a dependent of a  
25 victim are at significant risk of subsequent serious

1 injury, sexual assault, or death, the eligible entity or  
 2 subgrantee shall refer the victim or dependent to  
 3 other victim services, instead of restorative practices.

4 “(f) NONDISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL OR PRI-  
 5 VATE INFORMATION.—For the purpose of section  
 6 40002(b)(2), an individual described in subsection  
 7 (a)(3)(C) shall be considered a person receiving services.

8 “(g) RELATION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERVEN-  
 9 TION.—Restorative practices performed with funds award-  
 10 ed under this section are not intended to function as a  
 11 replacement for criminal justice intervention for a specific  
 12 harm.

13 “(h) REPORTS.—

14 “(1) REPORT TO DIRECTOR.—As a part of the  
 15 report required to be submitted under section  
 16 40002(b)(6), an eligible entity that receives a grant  
 17 under this section shall annually submit to the Di-  
 18 rector information relating to the effectiveness of the  
 19 restorative practices carried out with amounts from  
 20 the grant, including—

21 “(A) the number of individuals for whom  
 22 the eligible entity supported a restorative prac-  
 23 tice;

24 “(B) if applicable, the number of individ-  
 25 uals who—

1                   “(i) sought restorative practices from  
2                   the eligible entity; and

3                   “(ii) the eligible entity could not  
4                   serve;

5                   “(C) if applicable, the number of individ-  
6                   uals—

7                   “(i) who sought restorative practice  
8                   training;

9                   “(ii) who received restorative practice  
10                  training;

11                  “(iii) who provided restorative practice  
12                  training; and

13                  “(iv) to whom the eligible entity could  
14                  not provide restorative practice training;

15                  “(D) a victim evaluation component that is  
16                  documented through survey or interview, includ-  
17                  ing the satisfaction of victims of a harm with  
18                  the restorative practice services;

19                  “(E) if applicable, the number of individ-  
20                  uals who committed a harm and—

21                  “(i) successfully completed and exe-  
22                  cuted a written course of action plan;

23                  “(ii) failed to successfully complete  
24                  and execute a written course of action  
25                  plan; and

1           “(iii) were involved in a criminal or  
 2           civil complaint involving domestic violence,  
 3           dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
 4           against the victims or victims during the  
 5           course of the restorative practice process;  
 6           and

7           “(F) any other qualitative or quantitative  
 8           information determined by the Director.

9           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2  
 10          years after the date of enactment of this section,  
 11          and biennially thereafter, the Director shall submit  
 12          to Congress a report that summarizes the reports re-  
 13          ceived by the Director under paragraph (1).

14          “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 15          are authorized to be appropriated to the Director such  
 16          sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2023  
 17          through 2027 to carry out this section.”.

18          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 19          in section 2 of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-  
 20          forcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–322) is amended  
 21          by inserting after the item relating to section 41601 the  
 22          following:

                                  “Subtitle R—Restorative Practices

                                  “Sec. 41801. Pilot program on restorative practices.”.

1 **TITLE II—IMPROVING SERVICES**  
2 **FOR VICTIMS**

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

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

7 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iii), by inserting “di-  
8 rect payments,” before “and comprehensive”;

9 (2) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) in paragraph (4)—

11 (i) by striking “(4) DISTRIBUTION”  
12 and all that follows through “The Attorney  
13 General” and inserting the following:

14 “(4) DISTRIBUTION.—The Attorney General”;

15 and

16 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);

17 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
18 paragraph (7); and

19 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
20 following:

21 “(6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney  
22 General shall provide technical assistance to recipi-  
23 ents of grants under this subsection by entering into  
24 a cooperative agreement or contract with a national,  
25 nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or organi-

1 zations whose primary focus and expertise is in ad-  
 2 dressing sexual assault within culturally specific  
 3 communities.”; and

4 (3) in subsection (f)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 6 “\$40,000,000 to remain available until ex-  
 7 pended for each of fiscal years 2014 through  
 8 2018” and inserting “\$100,000,000 to remain  
 9 available until expended for each of fiscal years  
 10 2023 through 2027”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)(B)—

12 (i) by striking “2.5” and inserting  
 13 “8”; and

14 (ii) by striking the semicolon at the  
 15 end and inserting “of which not less than  
 16 20 percent shall be available for technical  
 17 assistance to recipients and potential re-  
 18 cipients of grants under subsection (c);”.

19 **SEC. 202. RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**  
 20 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND CHILD**  
 21 **ABUSE ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
 22 **GRAM.**

23 Section 40295 of the Violence Against Women Act  
 24 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12341) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—



1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
2 the end;

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

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

6 “(4) to develop, expand, implement, and im-  
7 prove the quality of sexual assault forensic medical  
8 examination or sexual assault nurse examiner pro-  
9 grams.”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
12 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

13 (B) in paragraph (5)—

14 (i) by inserting after “by the lack of  
15 access to” the following: “quality forensic  
16 sexual assault examinations by trained  
17 health care providers,”; and

18 (ii) by striking “shelters and” and in-  
19 serting “shelters, and”; and

20 (3) in subsection (e)(1), by striking  
21 “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through  
22 2018” and inserting “\$100,000,000 for each of fis-  
23 cal years 2023 through 2027”.

1 **SEC. 203. GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END**  
2 **VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-**  
3 **ABILITIES 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 “**INDIVIDUALS**”; and

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

12 (2) in subsection (a)(1)—

13 (A) by striking “and sexual assault” and  
14 inserting “sexual assault, and abuse by care-  
15 givers”; and

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

20 (3) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) by striking “disabled individuals” each  
22 place it appears and inserting “individuals with  
23 disabilities and Deaf people”;

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

5 (4) in subsection (e)—

6 (A) by striking “\$9,000,000” and inserting  
7 “\$15,000,000”; and

8 (B) by striking “2014 through 2018” and  
9 inserting “2023 through 2027”.

10 **SEC. 204. TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END ABUSE IN**  
11 **LATER LIFE.**

12 Subtitle H of the Violence Against Women Act of  
13 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12421 et seq.) is amended—

14 (1) in the subtitle heading, by striking “**En-**  
15 **hanced Training**” and inserting “**Training**”;  
16 and

17 (2) in section 40801 (34 U.S.C. 12421)—

18 (A) in the section heading, by striking  
19 “**ENHANCED TRAINING**” and inserting  
20 “**TRAINING**”;

21 (B) by striking subsection (a); and

22 (C) in subsection (b)—

23 (i) by striking “(b) GRANT PRO-  
24 GRAM.—” and all that follows through  
25 paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

1 “The Attorney General shall make grants  
2 to eligible entities in accordance with the  
3 following:”;

4 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
5 through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4),  
6 respectively;

7 (iii) in paragraph (1), as so redesign-  
8 nated—

9 (I) by striking “, including do-  
10 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
11 assault, stalking, exploitation, and ne-  
12 glect” each place it appears;

13 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

14 (aa) in clause (i)—

15 (AA) by striking “elder  
16 abuse” and inserting “abuse  
17 in later life”; and

18 (BB) by striking “vic-  
19 tim advocates, and” and in-  
20 serting “victim advocates,  
21 or”; and

22 (bb) in clause (iv), by strik-  
23 ing “advocates, victim service  
24 providers, and courts to better  
25 serve victims of abuse in later

1 life” and inserting “leaders, vic-  
2 tim advocates, victim service pro-  
3 viders, courts, and first respond-  
4 ers to better serve older victims”;  
5 and  
6 (III) in subparagraph (B)—  
7 (aa) in clause (i), by striking  
8 “or other community-based orga-  
9 nizations in recognizing and ad-  
10 dressing instances of abuse in  
11 later life” and inserting “commu-  
12 nity-based organizations, or other  
13 professionals who may identify or  
14 respond to abuse in later life”;  
15 and  
16 (bb) in clause (ii), by strik-  
17 ing “elder abuse and”;  
18 (iv) in paragraph (2), as so redesi-  
19 gnated—  
20 (I) in subparagraph (A)—  
21 (aa) in clause (iv), by strik-  
22 ing “with demonstrated experi-  
23 ence in assisting individuals over  
24 50 years of age”; and

1 (bb) in clause (v), by strik-  
2 ing “with demonstrated experi-  
3 ence in addressing domestic vio-  
4 lence, dating violence, sexual as-  
5 sult, and stalking”; and

6 (II) in subparagraph (B)(iv), by  
7 striking “in later life;” and inserting  
8 “50 years of age or over.”; and

9 (v) in paragraph (4), as so redesign-  
10 nated—

11 (I) by striking “\$9,000,000” and  
12 inserting “\$10,000,000”; and

13 (II) by striking “2014 through  
14 2018” and inserting “2023 through  
15 2027”.

16 **SEC. 205. ABBY HONOLD ACT.**

17 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
18 “Abby Honold Act”.

19 (b) **AMENDMENT.**—Title IV of the Violent Crime  
20 Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
21 12291 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing:

1 **“Subtitle Q—Trauma-Informed,**  
2 **Victim-Centered Training for**  
3 **Law Enforcement**

4 **“SEC. 41701. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-IN-**  
5 **FORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED TRAINING FOR**  
6 **LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

15 “(A) an individual working for or on behalf  
16 of an eligible entity;

17 “(B) an administrator or personnel of a  
18 school, university, or other educational program  
19 or activity (including a campus police officer or  
20 a school resource officer); and

21 “(C) an emergency services or medical em-  
22 ployee;

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

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

5           “(B) if the eligible entity is an organiza-  
6           tion or agency described in paragraph (4)(B),  
7           the area over which a law enforcement agency  
8           described in paragraph (4)(A) that is working  
9           in collaboration with the eligible entity has ju-  
10          risdiction.

11          “(4) the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State,  
12          local, territorial, or Tribal law enforcement agency;  
13          and

14          “(5) the term ‘mandatory partner’ means a na-  
15          tional, regional, or local victim services organization  
16          or agency working in collaboration with a law en-  
17          forcement agency described in paragraph (4).

18          “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
20                 award grants on a competitive basis to eligible enti-  
21                 ties to collaborate with their mandatory partners to  
22                 carry out the demonstration program under this sec-  
23                 tion by implementing evidence-based or promising  
24                 investigative policies and practices to incorporate



1 trauma-informed, victim-centered techniques de-  
2 signed to—

3 “(A) prevent re-traumatization of the vic-  
4 tim;

5 “(B) ensure that covered individuals use  
6 evidence-based practices to respond to and in-  
7 vestigate cases of domestic violence, dating vio-  
8 lence, sexual assault, and stalking;

9 “(C) improve communication between vic-  
10 tims and law enforcement officers in an effort  
11 to increase the likelihood of the successful in-  
12 vestigation and prosecution of the reported  
13 crime in a manner that protects the victim to  
14 the greatest extent possible;

15 “(D) increase collaboration among stake-  
16 holders who are part of the coordinated commu-  
17 nity response to domestic violence, dating vio-  
18 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

19 “(E) evaluate the effectiveness of the  
20 training process and content.

21 “(2) AWARD BASIS.—The Attorney General  
22 shall award grants under this section to multiple eli-  
23 gible entities for use in a variety of settings and  
24 communities, including—

1           “(A) urban, suburban, Tribal, remote, and  
2 rural areas;

3           “(B) college campuses; or

4           “(C) traditionally underserved commu-  
5 nities.

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

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

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

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

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

22           “(B) conducting field investigations that  
23 mirror best and promising practices available at  
24 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, VICTIM-CENTERED 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, vic-  
23 tim-centered approach to domestic violence,  
24 dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-  
25 ing; and

1 “(ii) focus on the fundamentals of—  
2 “(I) trauma responses;  
3 “(II) the impact of trauma on  
4 victims of domestic violence, dating vi-  
5 olence, sexual assault, and stalking;  
6 and  
7 “(III) techniques for effectively  
8 investigating domestic violence, dating  
9 violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

10 “(B) SELECTION.—An eligible entity that  
11 receives a grant under this section shall select  
12 one or more of the approaches employed by a  
13 training identified under subparagraph (A) to  
14 test within the demonstration site of the eligible  
15 entity.

16 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-  
17 graph (1), the Attorney General shall consult with  
18 the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime in  
19 order to seek input from and cultivate consensus  
20 among outside practitioners and other stakeholders  
21 through facilitated discussions and focus groups on  
22 best practices in the field of trauma-informed, vic-  
23 tim-centered care for victims of domestic violence,  
24 dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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

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

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

12          “(3) periodically make publicly available, during  
13 the grant period—

14           “(A) preliminary results of the evaluations  
15 conducted under paragraph (2); and

16           “(B) recommendations for improving the  
17 use of the grant funds.

18       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
19 are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General  
20 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027  
21 to carry out this section.

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

1 **SEC. 206. LGBT SPECIFIC SERVICES PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General, acting  
3 through the Director of the Violence Against Women Of-  
4 fice (referred to in this section as the “Director”), shall  
5 make grants to eligible entities to enhance lesbian, gay,  
6 bisexual, and transgender (referred to in this section as  
7 “LGBT”) specific services for victims of domestic violence,  
8 dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

9 (b) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM AND GRANTS .—

10 (1) GENERAL PROGRAM PURPOSE.—The pur-  
11 pose of the program required by this section is to  
12 promote the following:

13 (A) The maintenance and replication of ex-  
14 isting successful LGBT specific domestic vio-  
15 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-  
16 ing community-based programs providing serv-  
17 ices and resources for LGBT victims of domes-  
18 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
19 stalking.

20 (B) The development of innovative LGBT  
21 specific strategies and projects to enhance ac-  
22 cess to services and resources for LGBT victims  
23 of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
24 sault, and stalking who face obstacles to using  
25 more traditional services and resources.

1           (2) PURPOSES FOR WHICH GRANTS MAY BE  
2           USED.—The Director shall make grants to commu-  
3           nity-based programs for the purpose of enhancing  
4           LGBT specific services for victims of domestic vio-  
5           lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.  
6           Grants under the program shall support community-  
7           based efforts to address distinctive LGBT specific  
8           responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
9           ual assault, and stalking, including—

10                   (A) providing or enhancing services for  
11                   LGBT victims of domestic violence, dating vio-  
12                   lence, sexual assault, or stalking, including  
13                   services that address the safety, emotional well-  
14                   being, economic, housing, legal and workplace  
15                   needs of LGBT victims;

16                   (B) supporting programs that specifically  
17                   address underserved LGBT communities, in-  
18                   cluding culturally specific communities, to pro-  
19                   vide specific resources and support for LGBT  
20                   underserved victims of domestic violence, dating  
21                   violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

22                   (C) working in cooperation with the com-  
23                   munity to develop education and prevention  
24                   strategies highlighting LGBT specific issues  
25                   and resources regarding victims of domestic vio-



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

3           (D) conducting outreach activities to en-  
4           sure that LGBT people who are victims of do-  
5           mestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or  
6           sexual assault receive appropriate assistance;

7           (E) providing training for victim service  
8           providers, governmental agencies, courts, law  
9           enforcement and other first responders, and  
10          nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serv-  
11          ing the LGBT community about risk reduction,  
12          intervention, prevention, and the nature of do-  
13          mestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and  
14          sexual assault;

15          (F) developing and implementing LGBT  
16          specific programming that focuses on victim au-  
17          tonomy, agency, and safety in order to provide  
18          resolution and restitution for the victim; and

19          (G) providing LGBT specific programs for  
20          the non-offending LGBT parents of children ex-  
21          posed to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
22          ual assault, and stalking.

23          (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—

24          The Director shall provide technical assistance and  
25          training to grantees of this and other programs

1 under this Act regarding the development and provi-  
2 sion of effective LGBT specific community-based  
3 services by entering into cooperative agreements or  
4 contracts with an organization or organizations hav-  
5 ing a demonstrated expertise in and whose primary  
6 purpose is addressing the development and provision  
7 of LGBT specific community-based services to vic-  
8 tims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
9 sault, and stalking.

10 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Eligible entities for grants  
11 under this section include—

12 (1) community-based organizations, the primary  
13 purpose of which is providing LGBT specific services  
14 to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
15 ual assault, and stalking; and

16 (2) community-based organizations, the primary  
17 purpose of which is providing LGBT specific services  
18 that can partner with a program having dem-  
19 onstrated expertise in serving victims of domestic vi-  
20 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,  
21 and that agrees to receive technical assistance from  
22 a program with LGBT specific expertise.

23 (d) REPORTING.—The Director shall issue a biennial  
24 report on the distribution of funding under this section,  
25 the progress made in replicating and supporting increased

1 services to LGBT victims of domestic violence, dating vio-  
2 lence, sexual assault, and stalking and the types of LGBT  
3 specific programs, strategies, technical assistance, and  
4 training developed or enhanced through this program.

5 (e) EVALUATION.—The Director shall award a con-  
6 tract or cooperative agreement to evaluate programs under  
7 this section to an entity with the demonstrated expertise  
8 in and primary goal of providing enhanced access to serv-  
9 ices and resources for victims of domestic violence, dating  
10 violence, sexual assault, and stalking who face obstacles  
11 to using more traditional services and resources.

12 (f) NON-EXCLUSIVITY.—Nothing in this section shall  
13 be construed to exclude LGBT community-based organiza-  
14 tions from applying to other grant programs authorized  
15 under this Act.

16 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18 \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027,  
19 to remain available until expended.

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

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

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

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting before  
3 the semicolon at the end the following “or utili-  
4 zation of other communication technologies for  
5 purposes related to such a hotline”;

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)—

12 (i) by striking “sexual assault” and  
13 inserting “sexual violence, sexual assault,  
14 and sexual harassment”; and

15 (ii) by inserting “and Deaf individ-  
16 uals” before the period at the end;

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

19 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) and (d) as  
20 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

21 (4) by inserting the following new subsection  
22 after subsection (b):

23 “(c) MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF STATE SEXUAL  
24 ASSAULT COALITIONS, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ORGANI-  
25 ZATIONS, AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.—In award-

1 ing funds to States under this section, the Secretary shall  
2 set forth procedures designed to ensure meaningful in-  
3 volvement of sexual assault coalitions, culturally specific  
4 organizations, and representatives from underserved com-  
5 munities of the State or territory in the application for,  
6 and implementation of, funding.”;

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

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
10 “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014  
11 through 2018” and inserting “\$100,000,000  
12 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027”;

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

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

19 “(4) STATE, TERRITORIAL, AND TRIBAL SEX-  
20 UAL ASSAULT COALITION ALLOTMENT.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount  
22 appropriated under this subsection for a fiscal  
23 year, not less than 15 percent shall be allocated  
24 to State, territorial, and Tribal sexual assault  
25 coalitions for the purposes of coordinating and

1 providing prevention activities, providing assist-  
2 ance to prevention programs, and collaborating  
3 and coordinating with applicable Federal, State,  
4 Tribal, and local entities engaged in sexual vio-  
5 lence prevention, in accordance with this para-  
6 graph.

7 “(B) ALLOCATIONS.—Of the total amount  
8 appropriated under this subsection and allo-  
9 cated to making awards to sexual assault coali-  
10 tions, as described in subparagraph (A), for a  
11 fiscal year—

12 “(i) not less than 10 percent shall be  
13 made available to Tribal sexual assault  
14 coalitions; and

15 “(ii) any remaining amounts shall be  
16 made available, in equal amounts, to each  
17 State coalition and each territorial coali-  
18 tion.

19 “(C) CLARIFICATION.—Receipt of an  
20 award under this subsection by a sexual assault  
21 coalition shall not preclude the coalition from  
22 receiving additional grants or administering  
23 funds to carry out the purposes described in  
24 subsection (a).”; and

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

1       “(f) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
2 of the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act Re-  
3 authorization Act of 2022, the Secretary, acting through  
4 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
5 vention, shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations,  
6 the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-  
7 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives  
8 and the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on  
9 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Com-  
10 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report on the ac-  
11 tivities funded by grants awarded under this section and  
12 best practices relating to rape prevention and education.”.

13 **SEC. 302. CREATING HOPE THROUGH OUTREACH, OPTIONS,**  
14 **SERVICES, AND EDUCATION (CHOOSE) FOR**  
15 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

16       Section 41201 of the Violence Against Women Act  
17 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12451) is amended—

18               (1) in subsection (b)—

19                       (A) in paragraph (1)—

20                               (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
21 graph (A), in the first sentence, by striking  
22 “target youth who are victims of domestic  
23 violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
24 stalking, and sex trafficking” and inserting  
25 “target youth, including youth in under-

1 served populations, who are victims of do-  
2 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
3 sault, stalking, and sex trafficking”;

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

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

9 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph  
10 (C) the following:

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

15 “(E) develop, enlarge, or strengthen cul-  
16 turally specific victim services and responses re-  
17 lated to, and prevention of, female genital muti-  
18 lation or cutting.”;

19 (B) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
21 “stalking, or sex trafficking” and inserting  
22 “stalking, sex trafficking, or female genital  
23 mutilation or cutting”;



1 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
2 “confidential” before “support services”;  
3 and

4 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting  
5 after “programming for youth” the fol-  
6 lowing: “, including youth in underserved  
7 populations,”; and

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

9 “(3) CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE AND  
10 ABUSE.—To develop, maintain, or enhance programs  
11 designed to prevent future incidents of domestic vio-  
12 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking  
13 by preventing, reducing and responding to children’s  
14 exposure to violence in the home, including by—

15 “(A) providing services for children ex-  
16 posed to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
17 ual assault or stalking, including—

18 “(i) direct counseling or advocacy; and

19 “(ii) support for the non-abusing par-  
20 ent; and

21 “(B) training and coordination for edu-  
22 cational, after-school, and childcare programs  
23 on how to—

24 “(i) safely and confidentially identity  
25 children and families experiencing domestic

1 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
2 stalking; and

3 “(ii) properly refer children exposed  
4 and their families to services and violence  
5 prevention programs.

6 “(4) TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND  
7 PREVENTION.—To develop, maintain, or enhance  
8 programs that change attitudes and behaviors  
9 around the acceptability of domestic violence, dating  
10 violence, sexual assault, and stalking and provide  
11 education and skills training to young individuals  
12 and individuals who influence young individuals,  
13 which—

14 “(A) may include the use evidenced-based,  
15 evidence-informed, or innovative strategies and  
16 practices focused on youth; and

17 “(B) shall include—

18 “(i) age and developmentally-appro-  
19 priate education on—

20 “(I) domestic violence;

21 “(II) dating violence;

22 “(III) sexual assault;

23 “(IV) stalking;

24 “(V) sexual coercion; and

1                   “(VI) healthy relationship skills,  
2                   in school, in the community, or in  
3                   health care settings;

4                   “(ii) community-based collaboration  
5                   and training for individuals with influence  
6                   on youth, such as parents, teachers, coach-  
7                   es, healthcare providers, faith leaders,  
8                   older teens, and mentors;

9                   “(iii) education and outreach to  
10                  change environmental factors contributing  
11                  to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
12                  ual assault, and stalking; and

13                  “(iv) policy development targeted to  
14                  prevention, including school-based policies  
15                  and protocols.”;

16                  (2) in subsection (c)—

17                         (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

18                                 (i) by inserting “organization” after  
19                                 “tribal nonprofit”; and

20                                 (ii) by inserting “Native Hawaiian or-  
21                                 ganization, urban Indian organization,” be-  
22                                 fore “or population-specific community-  
23                                 based organization”; and

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

4 (3) in subsection (d)(3), by striking the period  
5 at the end and inserting “, including training on  
6 working with youth victims of domestic violence, dat-  
7 ing violence, sexual assault, or sex trafficking in un-  
8 derserved populations, if such youth are among  
9 those being served.”; and

10 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000  
11 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
12 serting “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
13 through 2027”.

14 **SEC. 303. GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIMES ON CAM-**  
15 **PUSES.**

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

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

21 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
22 paragraph (2);

23 (2) in subsection (b)—

24 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as  
25 follows:

1           “(2) To develop, strengthen, and implement  
2 campus policies, protocols, and services that more ef-  
3 fectively identify and respond to the crimes of do-  
4 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
5 stalking, including the use of technology to commit  
6 these crimes, and to train campus administrators,  
7 campus security personnel, and all participants in  
8 the resolution process, including personnel from the  
9 Title IX coordinator’s office, student conduct office,  
10 and campus disciplinary or judicial boards on such  
11 policies, protocols, and services that promote a  
12 prompt, fair, and impartial investigation.”;

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

15           “(3) To provide prevention and education pro-  
16 gramming about domestic violence, dating violence,  
17 sexual assault, and stalking, including technological  
18 abuse and reproductive and sexual coercion, that is  
19 age-appropriate, culturally relevant, ongoing, deliv-  
20 ered in multiple venues on campus, accessible, pro-  
21 motes respectful nonviolent behavior as a social  
22 norm, and engages men and boys. Such program-  
23 ming should be developed in partnership or collabo-  
24 ratively with experts in intimate partner and sexual  
25 violence prevention and intervention.”;

1           (C) in paragraph (9), by striking “and pro-  
2           vide” and inserting “, provide, and dissemi-  
3           nate”;

4           (D) in paragraph (10), by inserting after  
5           “or adapt” the following: “and disseminate”;  
6           and

7           (E) by inserting after paragraph (10) the  
8           following:

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

19          “(12) To train campus personnel in how to use  
20          a victim-centered, trauma-informed interview tech-  
21          nique, which means asking questions of a student or  
22          a campus employee who is reported to be a victim  
23          of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence,  
24          or stalking, in a manner that is focused on the expe-  
25          rience of the reported victim, that does not judge or

1 blame the reported victim for the alleged crime, and  
2 that is informed by evidence-based research on trauma  
3 response. To the extent practicable, campus personnel  
4 shall allow the reported victim to participate  
5 in a recorded interview and to receive a copy of the  
6 recorded interview.

7 “(13) To develop and implement restorative  
8 practices (as defined in section 40002(a) of the Violence  
9 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
10 12291(a))).”;

11 (3) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “2014  
12 through 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”;

13 (4) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) in paragraph (3)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
16 “for all incoming students” and inserting  
17 “for all students”; and

18 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D) and  
19 inserting the following:

20 “(D) The grantee shall train all partici-  
21 pants in the resolution process, including the  
22 campus disciplinary board, the title IX coordi-  
23 nator’s office, and the student conduct office, to  
24 respond effectively to situations involving do-

1           mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
2           or stalking.”; and

3                   (B) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting after  
4           “sex,” the following: “sexual orientation, gender  
5           identity,”; and

6                   (5) in subsection (e), by striking “\$12,000,000  
7           for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
8           serting “\$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
9           through 2027, of which not less than 10 percent  
10          shall be made available for grants to historically  
11          Black colleges and universities”.

12          (b) REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING DO-  
13          MESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL AS-  
14          SAULT, AND STALKING ON CAMPUSES.—Not later than 1  
15          year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
16          of Education shall submit to Congress a report, which  
17          shall include—

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

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



1 **SEC. 304. STUDY ON STATE COVERAGE OF FORENSIC EX-**  
2 **AMINATIONS AND RELATED COSTS FOL-**  
3 **LOWING A SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

4 Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
6 shall issue a report to Congress on requirements and fund-  
7 ing of States for forensic exams conducted after sexual  
8 assaults and any related medical expenses, as applicable,  
9 which shall include, with respect to each State—

10 (1) the total annual cost of conducting forensic  
11 exams described in section 2010(b) of part T of title  
12 I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets  
13 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10449(b));

14 (2) each funding source used to pay for the fo-  
15 rensic exams described in section 2010(b) of part T  
16 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
17 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10449(b));

18 (3) a description of any laws or policies of the  
19 State to ensure that individuals do not receive bills  
20 for all or part of the cost of forensic exams con-  
21 ducted after sexual assaults, consistent with section  
22 2010(b) of part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime  
23 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
24 10449(b)), including any oversight to ensure those  
25 individuals do not receive bills;

1           (4) an identification of any best practices imple-  
2           mented by the State to ensure that individuals do  
3           not receive bills for forensic exams conducted after  
4           sexual assaults;

5           (5) any requirements under laws of the State  
6           relating to payment for medical expenses and ancil-  
7           lary costs relating to a sexual assault, which may in-  
8           clude treatment of injuries associated with the as-  
9           sault, imaging (including x-rays, MRIs, and CAT  
10          scans), and other emergency medical care required  
11          as a result of the sexual assault for which a victim  
12          receives a forensic exam; and

13          (6) if a law of the State requires the State to  
14          pay for the medical expenses described in paragraph  
15          (5)—

16                 (A) a detailed list of which medical ex-  
17                 penses require coverage;

18                 (B) the total annual cost of medical ex-  
19                 penses relating to a sexual assault for which a  
20                 victim receives a forensic exam outside of the  
21                 cost of the forensic exam; and

22                 (C) each funding source the State uses to  
23                 pay for medical expenses relating to a sexual  
24                 assault for which a victim receives a forensic  
25                 exam.

1                   **TITLE IV—VIOLENCE**  
2                   **REDUCTION PRACTICES**

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

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

8                   (1) in subsection (b), by striking “violence  
9           against women” and inserting “violence against  
10          adults, youth,”; and

11                  (2) in subsection (c), by striking “the fiscal  
12          years 2014 through 2018” and inserting “fiscal  
13          years 2023 through 2027”.

14   **SEC. 402. SAVING MONEY AND REDUCING TRAGEDIES**  
15                   **THROUGH PREVENTION (SMART PREVEN-**  
16                   **TION) GRANTS.**

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

19                  (1) in subsection (a), by striking “taking a  
20          comprehensive approach that focuses on youth, chil-  
21          dren exposed to violence, and men” and inserting  
22          “focusing on men and youth”;

23                  (2) in subsection (b)—

24                          (A) by striking “for the following pur-  
25                          poses:” and all that follows through “(3) EN-

- 1 GAGING MEN AS LEADERS AND MODELS.—To  
2 develop” and inserting “to develop”; and  
3 (B) by inserting “and youth” after “men”  
4 the first 2 times it appears;  
5 (3) in subsection (d)(3)—  
6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
7 “and” at the end;  
8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and  
10 (C) by adding at the end the following:  
11 “(C) include a focus on the unmet needs of  
12 underserved populations.”;  
13 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000  
14 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
15 serting “\$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
16 through 2027”; and  
17 (5) by striking subsection (g).

1 **TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE**  
2 **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM’S RE-**  
3 **SPONSE**

4 **SEC. 501. GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH CARE**  
5 **SYSTEM’S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIO-**  
6 **LENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT,**  
7 **AND STALKING.**

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

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “com-  
12 munity health workers, violence prevention ad-  
13 vocates working with health providers,” after  
14 “health staff,”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “for  
16 medical” and all that follows through “stalking;  
17 and” and inserting “for medical, psychology,  
18 dental, social work, nursing, and other health  
19 profession students, interns, residents, fellows,  
20 or current health care providers (including mid-  
21 wives and doulas);”; and

22 (C) in paragraph (3)—

23 (i) by striking “response” and insert-  
24 ing “capacity”;

1 (ii) by inserting “prevent and respond  
2 to” after “(including behavioral and men-  
3 tal health programs) to”; and

4 (iii) by striking the period at the end  
5 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

7 “(4) the development or enhancement and im-  
8 plementation of training programs to improve the  
9 capacity of early childhood programs to address do-  
10 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
11 stalking among families they serve; and

12 “(5) the development or enhancement and im-  
13 plementation of comprehensive statewide strategies  
14 for health and violence prevention programs to work  
15 together to promote primary prevention of domestic  
16 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-  
17 ing.”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

20 (i) by striking “to identify and pro-  
21 vide” and inserting “to provide universal  
22 education on healthy relationships and pro-  
23 vide trauma-informed”; and

24 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

25 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—

1 (i) by striking “culturally competent  
2 clinical training components” and inserting  
3 “training components that center the expe-  
4 riences of, and are developed in collabora-  
5 tion with, culturally specific individuals  
6 and American Indians and Alaska Natives,  
7 and include community-defined practices  
8 such as the use of doulas, midwives, and  
9 traditional healers,”;

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

13 (iii) by striking “disparities” and in-  
14 serting “inequities”;

15 (C) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after  
16 clause (ii) the following:

17 “(iii) are designed to be inclusive of  
18 the experiences of all individuals, including  
19 LGBT individuals, and include training on  
20 improving equity and reducing disparities  
21 in access to health care services and pre-  
22 vention resources; and

23 “(iv) include training on the use of a  
24 universal prevention education approach to  
25 both prevent and respond to domestic vio-

1            lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
2            stalking in health care settings;”;

3            (D) in subparagraph (B), in the matter  
4            preceding clause (i), by striking “response of  
5            the health care system” and inserting “capacity  
6            of the health care system to prevent and re-  
7            spond”;

8            (E) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

9            (i) by striking “identifying and re-  
10            sponding to” inserting “identifying, re-  
11            sponding to, and promoting prevention of”;

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

14            (iii) by inserting “and to maximize  
15            victim choice on the use and sharing of  
16            their health information” before the semi-  
17            colon at the end;

18            (F) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

19            (i) by striking “on-site access to” and  
20            all that follows through the semicolon at  
21            the end and inserting the following: “serv-  
22            ices to address the safety, medical, and  
23            mental health needs of patients by—

24            “(I) increasing the capacity of  
25            existing health care professionals (in-



1 including professionals who specialize in  
2 trauma or in substance use disorders)  
3 in behavioral and mental health care,  
4 community health workers, and public  
5 health staff to address domestic vio-  
6 lence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
7 stalking, and children exposed to vio-  
8 lence;

9 “(II) contracting with or hiring  
10 advocates for victims of domestic vio-  
11 lence or sexual assault to provide such  
12 services; or

13 “(III) providing funding to State  
14 domestic and sexual violence coalitions  
15 to improve the capacity of such coali-  
16 tions to coordinate and support health  
17 advocates and other health system  
18 partnerships;”;

19 (G) in subparagraph (B)(iii)—

20 (i) by striking “of identification” and  
21 inserting “of prevention”;

22 (ii) by inserting “during in-person or  
23 virtual visits” after “and stalking”; and

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

25 (H) in subparagraph (B)(iv)—

1 (i) by inserting “and promote preven-  
2 tion during in-person or virtual visits,”  
3 after “or stalking,”; and

4 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
5 and inserting a semicolon;

6 (I) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the  
7 end the following:

8 “(v) the development, implementation,  
9 dissemination, and evaluation of best prac-  
10 tices, tools, and training materials, includ-  
11 ing culturally relevant tools, for mental  
12 health, behavioral health, and substance  
13 use disorder professionals to identify and  
14 respond to domestic violence, sexual vio-  
15 lence, stalking, and dating violence; and

16 “(vi) the development and provision of  
17 culturally relevant training and follow-up  
18 technical assistance to health care profes-  
19 sionals, and public health staff, and allied  
20 health professionals to identify, assess,  
21 treat, and refer clients who are victims of  
22 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
23 assault, or stalking from culturally specific  
24 communities and promote prevention,  
25 using tools and training materials, devel-

1           oped by and for culturally specific commu-  
2           nities, with priority given to trainings pro-  
3           vided by culturally specific organizations;  
4           and”;

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

7           “(C) design and implement comprehensive  
8           strategies to prevent domestic or sexual violence  
9           including through the use of universal education  
10          in clinical and public health settings, hospitals,  
11          clinics and other health settings.”;

12          (3) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—

13           (A) in the subparagraph heading, by strik-  
14           ing “CHILD AND ELDER ABUSE” and inserting  
15           “CHILD ABUSE AND ABUSE IN LATER LIFE”;  
16           and

17           (B) by striking “child or elder abuse” and  
18           inserting “child abuse or abuse in later life”;

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

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

24          (6) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iii)—

1 (A) by inserting “and exposure to violence  
2 across generations” after “abuse”; and

3 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

4 (7) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iv)—

5 (A) by inserting “mental health,” after  
6 “dental,”; and

7 (B) by striking “exams.” and inserting  
8 “exams and certifications;”;

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

11 “(v) providing funding to culturally  
12 specific organizations to improve the ca-  
13 pacity of such organizations to engage and  
14 partner with health care providers to sup-  
15 port victims and meet increased referrals  
16 from health systems;

17 “(vi) developing a State-level pilot  
18 program to—

19 “(I) improve the response of sub-  
20 stance use disorder treatment pro-  
21 grams, harm reduction programs for  
22 people who use substances, and sys-  
23 tems to domestic violence, dating vio-  
24 lence, sexual assault, and stalking;

1 “(II) improve the capacity of  
2 substance use disorder treatment pro-  
3 grams, harm reduction programs for  
4 people who use substances, and sys-  
5 tems to serve survivors of domestic vi-  
6 olence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
7 and stalking dealing with substance  
8 use disorder; and

9 “(III) improve the capacity of do-  
10 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
11 assault, and stalking programs to  
12 serve survivors who have substance  
13 use history; or

14 “(vii) developing and utilizing existing  
15 technical assistance and training resources  
16 to improve the capacity of substance use  
17 disorder treatment programs and harm re-  
18 duction programs for people who use sub-  
19 stances to address domestic violence, dat-  
20 ing violence, sexual assault, and stalking  
21 among patients the programs serve.”;

22 (9) in subsection (c)(3)(A), by striking “given  
23 to outcome based evaluations.” and inserting the fol-  
24 lowing: “given to—

25 “(i) outcome based evaluations;

1                   “(ii) culturally specific and population  
2                   specific organizations; and

3                   “(iii) programs developing and imple-  
4                   menting community-driven solutions to ad-  
5                   dress domestic violence, dating violence,  
6                   sexual assault, or stalking.”;

7                   (10) in subsection (c)(3)(B)(i)(III), by inserting  
8                   “, including a culturally specific organization or  
9                   community-based organization working to address  
10                  the social determinants of health,” after “nonprofit  
11                  entity”;

12                  (11) in subsection (c)(3)(C)(ii)—

13                   (A) by striking “strategies for” and insert-  
14                   ing the following: “strategies—

15                                 “(I) for”;

16                   (B) by inserting “and generations” after  
17                   “lifespan”;

18                   (C) by striking “settings;” and inserting  
19                   “settings; and”; and

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

21                                 “(II) to address primary preven-  
22                                 tion of domestic violence, dating vio-  
23                                 lence, sexual assault, and stalking  
24                                 over the lifespan and generations, in-  
25                                 cluding strategies that address related

1 social determinants of health, eco-  
2 nomic justice, and equity issues, and  
3 that are inclusive of LGBT individ-  
4 uals;”;

5 (12) in subsection (c)(3)(C)(iii), by striking  
6 “State or tribal law enforcement task forces (where  
7 appropriate)” and inserting “culturally specific orga-  
8 nizations”;

9 (13) in subsection (c)(3)(C)(iv), by inserting  
10 “(including culturally specific organizations)” after  
11 “service providers”;

12 (14) in subsection (d)(2)(A)—

13 (A) by inserting “(including mental health  
14 or substance abuse agencies)” after “of health”;

15 (B) by striking “or mental” and inserting  
16 “or behavioral”; and

17 (C) by inserting “and substance use dis-  
18 order prevention and treatment” before the  
19 semicolon at the end;

20 (15) in subsection (d)(2)(B)—

21 (A) by inserting “behavioral health treat-  
22 ment system,” after “hospital,”;

23 (B) by striking “or any other community-  
24 based” and inserting “a community-based”; and

1 (C) by inserting “or substance use disorder  
2 prevention and treatment, or a community-  
3 based organization with a history of partnership  
4 with programs in the field of domestic violence,  
5 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and  
6 health care, including physical or mental health  
7 care or substance use disorder prevention and  
8 treatment” after “mental health care”;

9 (16) in subsection (g)—

10 (A) by striking “\$10,000,000” and insert-  
11 ing “\$20,000,000”; and

12 (B) by striking “2014 through 2018” and  
13 inserting “2023 through 2027”; and

14 (17) in subsection (h)—

15 (A) by striking “herein”; and

16 (B) by striking “provided for”.

17 **SEC. 502. MATERNAL MORTALITY OR MORBIDITY STUDY.**

18 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
19 Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for  
20 Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with  
21 the Attorney General, the Director of the Indian Health  
22 Service, and other stakeholders (including community  
23 based organizations), shall conduct a study on the leading  
24 causes of pregnancy-associated morbidity and mortality  
25 and the extent which domestic violence, dating violence,



1 sexual assault, or stalking throughout the United States  
2 contribute to the risk of maternal mortality or morbidity.

3 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
4 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
5 Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney Gen-  
6 eral, the Director of the Indian Health Service, and other  
7 stakeholders (including community based organizations),  
8 shall report to Congress on the study conducted under  
9 subsection (a), which shall include the following:

10 (1) An analysis of the extent to which domestic  
11 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
12 contribute to pregnancy-associated morbidity and  
13 mortality.

14 (2) An analysis of the impact of domestic vio-  
15 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking on  
16 access to health care.

17 (3) A breakdown of individuals particularly im-  
18 pacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
19 assault, or stalking, by race and ethnicity, disability  
20 status, and sexual orientation and gender identity.

21 (4) An analysis of the impact of domestic vio-  
22 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking on  
23 Tribal communities and among Indians.

24 (5) An assessment of the factors that increase  
25 risks for infant and maternal mortality or morbidity

1 among victims of domestic violence, dating violence,  
2 sexual assault, or stalking.

3 (6) Recommendations for legislative or policy  
4 changes to help reduce infant and maternal mor-  
5 tality rates.

6 (7) Best practices to reduce pregnancy-related  
7 deaths among survivors of domestic violence, dating  
8 violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

9 (8) Any other information on maternal mor-  
10 tality or morbidity the Secretary determines appro-  
11 priate to include in the report.

12 **SEC. 503. UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL ASSAULT CARE IN**  
13 **HEALTH SYSTEMS.**

14 (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to  
15 identify areas for improvement in health care delivery sys-  
16 tems providing forensic examinations to survivors of sex-  
17 ual assault.

18 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
19 Services (referred to in this section as “the Secretary”)  
20 shall award grants to States and Indian Tribes to develop  
21 and implement State and Tribal surveys to identify—

22 (1) the availability of, and patient access to,  
23 medical forensic examinations;

24 (2) the training level of the health care pro-  
25 viders who perform medical forensic examinations;

1           (3) the hospitals or clinics that offer medical fo-  
2           rensic examinations and whether each hospital or  
3           clinic has full-time, part-time, or on-call coverage;

4           (4) barriers to medical forensic examinations  
5           provided through sexual assault care and services;

6           (5) billing and reimbursement practices for  
7           medical forensic examinations;

8           (6) State and Tribal requirements, minimum  
9           standards, and protocols for training sexual assault  
10          examiners for sexual assault forensic examiners and  
11          for other personnel involved in medical forensic ex-  
12          aminations;

13          (7) the availability of sexual assault forensic ex-  
14          aminer training, the frequency of such training, the  
15          providers of such training, the State's or Indian  
16          Tribe's role in such training, and the processes or  
17          procedures in place for continuing education of such  
18          examiners; and

19          (8) the dedicated Federal and State funding  
20          available to support sexual assault forensic examiner  
21          training.

22          (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
23          under this section, a State or Indian Tribe shall submit  
24          to the Secretary an application through a competitive  
25          process to be determined by the Secretary.

1 (d) PUBLIC DISSEMINATION AND CAMPAIGN.—

2 (1) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The results of the  
3 surveys conducted under grants awarded under this  
4 section shall be published by the Secretary on the  
5 website of the Department of Health and Human  
6 Services on a biennial basis.

7 (2) CAMPAIGNS.—A State or Indian Tribe that  
8 receives a grant under this section shall carry out  
9 the following activities:

10 (A) Make the findings of the survey con-  
11 ducted using amounts received under the grant  
12 public, including a map showing health care  
13 providers who perform medical forensic exami-  
14 nations, based on the findings from the State  
15 and Tribal surveys under subsection (b)(3).

16 (B) Use the findings to develop a strategic  
17 action plan to increase the number of trained  
18 medical forensic examiners available in the  
19 State or Tribal community and create policies  
20 to increase survivor access to trained exam-  
21 iners.

22 (C) Use the findings to develop and imple-  
23 ment a public awareness campaign that in-  
24 cludes the following:

1 (i) An online toolkit describing how  
2 and where sexual assault survivors can ob-  
3 tain assistance and care, including medical  
4 forensic examinations, in the State or  
5 Tribal community.

6 (ii) A model standard response pro-  
7 tocol for health care providers to imple-  
8 ment upon arrival of a patient seeking care  
9 for sexual assault.

10 (iii) A model sexual assault response  
11 team protocol incorporating interdiscipli-  
12 nary community coordination between hos-  
13 pitals, emergency departments, hospital  
14 administration, local rape crisis programs,  
15 law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys,  
16 and other health and human service agen-  
17 cies and stakeholders with respect to deliv-  
18 ering survivor-centered sexual assault care  
19 and medical forensic examinations.

20 (iv) A notice of applicable laws pro-  
21 hibiting charging or billing survivors of  
22 sexual assault for care and services related  
23 to sexual assault.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

4 **SEC. 504. NATIONAL REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT SERV-**  
5 **ICES IN OUR NATION'S HEALTH SYSTEM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
7 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
8 the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, in con-  
9 sultation with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-  
10 ices, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the  
11 Health Resources and Services Administration, the Indian  
12 Health Service, the Office for Victims of Crime of the De-  
13 partment of Justice, the Office on Women's Health of the  
14 Department of Health and Human Services, and the Of-  
15 fice of Violence Against Women of the Department of Jus-  
16 tice (collectively referred to in this section as the “Agen-  
17 cies”), shall submit to the Secretary of Health and Human  
18 Services (referred to in this section as “the Secretary”)   
19 a report of existing Federal, Indian Tribe, and State prac-  
20 tices relating to medical forensic examinations which may  
21 include the findings of the surveys developed under section  
22 503.

23 (b) CORE COMPETENCIES.—In conducting activities  
24 under this section, the Agencies shall address sexual as-  
25 sault forensic examination competencies, including—

1           (1) providing medical care to sexual assault pa-  
2           tients;

3           (2) demonstrating the ability to conduct a med-  
4           ical forensic examination, including an evaluation for  
5           evidence collection;

6           (3) showing compassion and sensitivity towards  
7           survivors of sexual assault;

8           (4) testifying in Federal, State, local, and Trib-  
9           al courts; and

10          (5) other competencies, as the Agencies deter-  
11          mine appropriate.

12          (c) PUBLICATION.—The Agency for Healthcare Re-  
13          search and Quality shall establish, maintain, and publish  
14          on the website of the Department of Health and Human  
15          Services an online public map of availability of sexual as-  
16          sault forensic examinations. Such maps shall clarify if  
17          there is full-time, part-time, or on-call coverage.

18          (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days  
19          after receiving the report described in subsection (a), the  
20          Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
21          cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-  
22          mittee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on  
23          Education and Labor of the House of Representatives rec-  
24          ommendations for improving sexual assault forensic exam-

1 ination competencies based on the report described in sub-  
2 section (a).

3 **SEC. 505. IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING THE SEXUAL**  
4 **ASSAULT EXAMINER WORKFORCE CLINICAL**  
5 **AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PILOT PRO-**  
6 **GRAM.**

7 (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to  
8 establish a pilot program to develop, test, and implement  
9 training and continuing education that expands and sup-  
10 ports the availability of medical forensic examination serv-  
11 ices for survivors of sexual assault.

12 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15 Health and Human Services (referred to in this sec-  
16 tion as “the Secretary”) shall establish a National  
17 Continuing and Clinical Education Pilot Program  
18 for sexual assault forensic examiners, sexual assault  
19 nurse examiners, and other individuals who perform  
20 medical forensic examinations.

21 (2) CONSULTATION.—In establishing such pro-  
22 gram, the Secretary shall consult with the Centers  
23 for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Centers for  
24 Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Re-  
25 sources and Services Administration, the Indian



1 Health Service, the Office for Victims of Crime of  
2 the Department of Justice, the Office on Violence  
3 Against Women of the Department of Justice, and  
4 the Office on Women's Health of the Department of  
5 Health and Human Services, and shall solicit input  
6 from regional, national, and Tribal organizations  
7 with expertise in forensic nursing, rape trauma or  
8 crisis counseling, investigating rape and gender vio-  
9 lence cases, survivors' advocacy and support, sexual  
10 assault prevention education, rural health, and re-  
11 sponding to sexual violence in Tribal communities.

12 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The pilot program established  
13 under subsection (b) shall develop, pilot, implement, and  
14 update, as appropriate, continuing and clinical education  
15 program modules, webinars, and programs for all hos-  
16 pitals and providers to increase access to medical forensic  
17 examination services and address ongoing competency  
18 issues in medical forensic examination services, includ-  
19 ing—

20 (1) training and continuing education to help  
21 support sexual assault forensic examiners practicing  
22 in rural or underserved areas;

23 (2) training to help connect sexual assault sur-  
24 vivors who are Indian with sexual assault forensic  
25 examiners, including through emergency first aid,

1 referrals, culturally competent support, and forensic  
2 evidence collection in rural communities;

3 (3) replication of successful sexual assault fo-  
4 rensic examination programs to help develop and im-  
5 prove the evidence base for medical forensic exami-  
6 nations; and

7 (4) training to increase the number of medical  
8 professionals who are considered sexual assault fo-  
9 rensic examiners based on the recommendations of  
10 the National Sexual Assault Forensic Examination  
11 Training Standards issued by the Office on Violence  
12 Against Women of the Department of Justice.

13 (d) ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PRO-  
14 GRAMS.—The Secretary shall ensure that medical forensic  
15 examination services provided under the pilot program es-  
16 tablished under subsection (b), and other medical forensic  
17 examiner services under the pilot program are provided  
18 by health care providers who are also one of the following:

19 (1) A physician, including a resident physician.

20 (2) A nurse practitioner.

21 (3) A nurse midwife.

22 (4) A physician assistant.

23 (5) A certified nurse specialist.

24 (6) A registered nurse.

1           (7) A community health practitioner or a com-  
2           munity health aide who has completed level III or  
3           level IV certification and training requirements.

4           (e) NATURE OF TRAINING.—The continuing edu-  
5           cation program established under this section shall incor-  
6           porate and reflect current best practices and standards on  
7           medical forensic examination services consistent with the  
8           purpose of this section.

9           (f) AVAILABILITY.—After termination of the pilot  
10          program established under subsection (b)(1), the training  
11          and continuing education program established under such  
12          program shall be available to all sexual assault forensic  
13          examiners and other providers employed by, or any indi-  
14          vidual providing services through, facilities that receive  
15          Federal funding.

16          (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The pilot program estab-  
17          lished under this section shall terminate on the date that  
18          is 2 years after the date of such establishment.

19          (h) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-  
20          propriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each  
21          of fiscal years 2023 through 2025.

22   **SEC. 506. EXPANDING ACCESS TO UNIFIED CARE.**

23          (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary  
24          of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section  
25          as the “Secretary”) shall establish a program (referred to

1 in this section as the “program”) to award grants to eligi-  
2 ble entities for the clinical training of sexual assault foren-  
3 sic examiners (including registered nurses, nurse practi-  
4 tioners, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, physi-  
5 cian assistants, and physicians) to administer medical fo-  
6 rensic examinations and treatments to survivors of sexual  
7 assault.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program is to en-  
9 able each grant recipient to expand access to medical fo-  
10 rensic examination services by providing new providers  
11 with the clinical training necessary to establish and main-  
12 tain competency in such services and to test the provisions  
13 of such services at new facilities in expanded health care  
14 settings.

15 (c) GRANTS.—Under the program, the Secretary  
16 shall award 3-year grants to eligible entities that meet the  
17 requirements established by the Secretary.

18 (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a  
19 grant under this section, an entity shall—

20 (1) be—

21 (A) a safety net clinic acting in partner-  
22 ship with a high-volume emergency services pro-  
23 vider or a hospital currently providing sexual  
24 assault medical forensic examinations per-

1           formed by sexual assault forensic examiners,  
2           that will use grant funds to—

3                   (i) assign rural health care service  
4                   providers to the high-volume hospitals for  
5                   clinical practicum hours to qualify such  
6                   providers as sexual assault forensic exam-  
7                   iners; or

8                   (ii) assign practitioners at high-vol-  
9                   ume hospitals to rural health care services  
10                  providers to instruct, oversee, and approve  
11                  clinical practicum hours in the community  
12                  to be served;

13                (B) an organization described in section  
14                501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
15                and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of such  
16                Code, that provides legal training and technical  
17                assistance to Tribal communities and to organi-  
18                zations and agencies serving Indians; or

19                (C) an Indian Tribe (as defined in section  
20                4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
21                cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)); and

22                (2) submit to the Secretary an application at  
23                such time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
24                formation as the Secretary may require, including a  
25                description of whether the applicant will provide

1 services described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
2 paragraph (1).

3 (e) GRANT AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under  
4 this section shall be in an amount not to exceed \$400,000  
5 per year. A grant recipient may carry over funds from one  
6 fiscal year to the next without obtaining approval from  
7 the Secretary.

8 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
10 appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000  
11 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

12 (2) SET-ASIDE.—Of the amount appropriated  
13 under this subsection for a fiscal year, the Secretary  
14 shall reserve 15 percent of such amount for purposes  
15 of making grants to entities that are affiliated with  
16 Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations (as defined in  
17 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
18 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), or Urban  
19 Indian organizations (as defined in section 4 of the  
20 Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.  
21 1603)). Amounts reserved may be used to support  
22 referrals and the delivery of emergency first aid, cul-  
23 turally competent support, and forensic evidence col-  
24 lection training.

1 **SEC. 507. EXPANDING ACCESS TO FORENSICS FOR VICTIMS**  
2 **OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE; COMMUNITY  
5 HEALTH PRACTITIONER.—The terms “community  
6 health aide” and “community health practitioner”  
7 have the meanings given such terms for purposes of  
8 section 119 of the Indian Health Care Improvement  
9 Act (25 U.S.C. 1616l).

10 (2) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The term  
11 “health care provider” has the meaning given such  
12 term by the Secretary, and includes registered  
13 nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical  
14 nurse specialists, physician assistants, and physi-  
15 cians.

16 (3) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—  
17 The terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal organiza-  
18 tion” shall have the meanings given such terms in  
19 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
20 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

21 (4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
22 term “institution of higher education” has the  
23 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
24 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

25 (5) INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE.—The term  
26 “interpersonal violence” means any form of violence

1 that is emotional and trauma-inducing for victims,  
2 families of victims, perpetrators, and communities.

3 (6) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The  
4 term “Native Hawaiian organization” has the mean-  
5 ing given such term in section 12 of the Native Ha-  
6 waiian Health Care Improvement Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 11711).

8 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

10 (8) TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.—The term  
11 “trauma-informed care” means care received by  
12 trauma survivors that is culturally competent in ac-  
13 cordance with professional standards of practice and  
14 accounting for patients’ experiences and preferences  
15 in order to eliminate or mitigate triggers that may  
16 cause re-traumatization of the patient.

17 (9) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term  
18 “Urban Indian organization” has the meaning given  
19 such term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care  
20 Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603).

21 (b) DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE  
22 FORENSIC TRAINING.—

23 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Sec-  
24 retary shall establish a demonstration program to  
25 award grants to eligible entities for the clinical



1 training of health care providers to provide gener-  
2 alist forensic services and trauma-informed care to  
3 survivors of interpersonal violence of all ages.

4 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the demonstra-  
5 tion program under this subsection is to develop  
6 training and curriculum to provide health care pro-  
7 viders with the skills to support the provision of fo-  
8 rensic assessment and trauma-informed care to indi-  
9 viduals, families, and communities that have experi-  
10 enced violence or trauma and to be available to col-  
11 laborate with members of an inter-professional fo-  
12 rensic team.

13 (3) TERM.—Grants under this subsection shall  
14 be for a term of 5 years.

15 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to re-  
16 ceive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall—

17 (A) be an institute of higher education, in-  
18 cluding a minority serving institution as de-  
19 scribed in section 371 of the Higher Education  
20 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q); and

21 (B) submit to the Secretary an application  
22 at such time, in such manner, and containing  
23 such information as the Secretary may require.

24 (5) GRANT AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded  
25 under this subsection shall be in an amount that

1 does not exceed \$400,000 per year. A grant recipi-  
2 ent may carry over funds from one fiscal year to the  
3 next without obtaining approval from the Secretary.

4 (6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to  
6 be appropriated to carry out this subsection  
7 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
8 through 2027.

9 (B) SET-ASIDE.—Of the amount appro-  
10 priated under this paragraph for a fiscal year,  
11 the Secretary shall reserve 10 percent for pur-  
12 poses of making grants to support training and  
13 curricula that addresses the unique needs of In-  
14 dian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian  
15 organizations, and Native Hawaiian organiza-  
16 tions. Amounts so reserved may be used to sup-  
17 port training, referrals, and the delivery of  
18 emergency first aid, culturally competent sup-  
19 port, and forensic evidence collection training.

20 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND LEARNING  
21 COLLECTIVES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish  
23 a State and Tribal forensic provider technical re-  
24 source center to provide technical assistance and  
25 support collaboration and best practices for health

1 care providers, community health aides, and commu-  
2 nity health practitioners to improve the quality of,  
3 and increase access to, forensic services for all sur-  
4 vivors of interpersonal violence. The Secretary may  
5 enter into contracts with national experts for pur-  
6 poses of carrying out this subsection.

7 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
8 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
9 this subsection, \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
10 2023 through 2027.

11 (d) NATIONAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after  
12 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
13 the Office for Victims of Crime of the Department of Jus-  
14 tice, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the  
15 Health Resources and Services Administration, the Indian  
16 Health Service, the Office on Women’s Health of the De-  
17 partment of Health and Human Services, and the Office  
18 on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice  
19 shall jointly submit to the Secretary a report on the need  
20 for, throughout the States, Indian Tribes, and terri-  
21 tories—

22 (1) access to generalist medical forensic serv-  
23 ices, evidence collection, and documentation that  
24 aids in meeting the needs of health care patients and

1 improves future law enforcement investigation and  
 2 prosecution; and

3 (2) data for research to support the response to  
 4 and prevention of interpersonal violence, improved  
 5 ability of health care providers to adequately re-  
 6 spond to patients who exhibit signs of victimization,  
 7 and address the unique needs of Tribal communities.

8 **TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR**  
 9 **VICTIMS**

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

13 Section 41411(a) of the Violence Against Women Act  
 14 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(a)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “brother,  
 16 sister,” and inserting “sibling,”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-  
 19 fore the semicolon at the end the following: “,  
 20 including the direct loan program under such  
 21 section”;

22 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “the  
 23 program under subtitle A of” and inserting  
 24 “the programs under”;

25 (C) in subparagraph (I)—

1 (i) by striking “sections 514, 515,  
2 516, 533, and 538 of the Housing Act of  
3 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486,  
4 1490m, and 1490p-2)” and inserting “sec-  
5 tions 514, 515, 516, 533, 538, and 542 of  
6 the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,  
7 1485, 1486, 1490m, 1490p-2, 1490r)”;  
8 and

9 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;  
10 (D) in subparagraph (J), by striking the  
11 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;  
12 and

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

14 “(K) the provision of assistance from the  
15 Housing Trust Fund established under section  
16 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Fi-  
17 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12  
18 U.S.C. 4501);

19 “(L) the provision of assistance for hous-  
20 ing under the Comprehensive Service Programs  
21 for Homeless Veterans program under sub-  
22 chapter II of chapter 20 of title 38, United  
23 States Code;

24 “(M) the provision of assistance for hous-  
25 ing and facilities under the grant program for

1 homeless veterans with special needs under sec-  
2 tion 2061 of title 38, United States Code;

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

9 “(O) the provision of transitional housing  
10 assistance for victims of domestic violence, dat-  
11 ing violence, sexual assault, or stalking under  
12 the grant program under chapter 11 of subtitle  
13 B; and

14 “(P) any other Federal housing programs  
15 providing affordable housing to low- and mod-  
16 erate-income persons by means of restricted  
17 rents or rental assistance, or more generally  
18 providing affordable housing opportunities, as  
19 identified by the appropriate agency through  
20 regulations, notices, or any other means.”.

1 **SEC. 602. ENSURING COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION;**  
2 **PROHIBITING RETALIATION AGAINST VIC-**  
3 **TIMS.**

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

7 **“SEC. 41412. COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.**

8 “(a) **REGULAR COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.**—

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each appropriate agency  
10 shall establish a process by which to review compli-  
11 ance with the requirements of this subtitle, which  
12 shall—

13 “(A) where possible, be incorporated into  
14 other existing compliance review processes of  
15 the appropriate agency, in consultation with the  
16 Gender-based Violence Prevention Office and  
17 Violence Against Women Act Director described  
18 in section 41413 and any other relevant offi-  
19 cials of the appropriate agency; and

20 “(B) examine—

21 “(i) compliance with requirements  
22 prohibiting the denial of assistance, ten-  
23 ancy, or occupancy rights on the basis of  
24 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
25 assault, or stalking;

1           “(ii) compliance with confidentiality  
2           provisions set forth in section 41411(c)(4);

3           “(iii) compliance with the notification  
4           requirements set forth in section  
5           41411(d)(2);

6           “(iv) compliance with the provisions  
7           for accepting documentation set forth in  
8           section 41411(e);

9           “(v) compliance with emergency trans-  
10          fer requirements set forth in section  
11          41411(e); and

12          “(vi) compliance with the prohibition  
13          on retaliation set forth in section 41414.

14          “(2) FREQUENCY.—Each appropriate agency  
15          shall conduct the review described in paragraph (1)  
16          on a regular basis, as determined by the appropriate  
17          agency.

18          “(b) REGULATIONS.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
20                 after the date of enactment of the Violence Against  
21                 Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, each ap-  
22                 propriate agency shall issue regulations in accord-  
23                 ance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code,  
24                 to implement subsection (a) of this section, which  
25                 shall—



1           “(A) define standards of compliance under  
2 covered housing programs;

3           “(B) include detailed reporting require-  
4 ments, including the number of emergency  
5 transfers requested and granted, as well as the  
6 length of time needed to process emergency  
7 transfers; and

8           “(C) include standards for corrective ac-  
9 tion plans where compliance standards have not  
10 been met.

11           “(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the regu-  
12 lations under paragraph (1), an appropriate agency  
13 shall engage in additional consultation with appro-  
14 priate stakeholders including, as appropriate—

15           “(A) individuals and organizations with ex-  
16 pertise in the housing needs and experiences of  
17 victims of domestic violence, dating violence,  
18 sexual assault and stalking; and

19           “(B) individuals and organizations with ex-  
20 pertise in the administration or management of  
21 covered housing programs, including industry  
22 stakeholders and public housing agencies.

23           “(c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Each appropriate agen-  
24 cy shall ensure that an agency-level assessment of the in-

1 formation collected during the compliance review process  
2 completed pursuant to this subsection—

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

5 “(2) is made publicly available.

6 **“SEC. 41413. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DE-**  
7 **VELOPMENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PRE-**  
8 **VENTION OFFICE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST**  
9 **WOMEN ACT DIRECTOR.**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing  
11 and Urban Development shall establish a Gender-based  
12 Violence Prevention Office with a Violence Against  
13 Women Act Director (in this section referred to as the  
14 ‘Director’).

15 “(b) DUTIES.—The Director shall, among other du-  
16 ties—

17 “(1) support implementation of this chapter;

18 “(2) coordinate with Federal agencies on legis-  
19 lation, implementation, and other issues affecting  
20 the housing provisions under this subtitle, as well as  
21 other issues related to advancing housing protections  
22 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
23 ual assault, and stalking;

24 “(3) coordinate with State and local govern-  
25 ments and agencies, including State housing finance

1 agencies, regarding advancing housing protections  
2 and access to housing for victims of domestic vio-  
3 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

4 “(4) ensure that technical assistance and sup-  
5 port are provided to each appropriate agency and  
6 housing providers regarding implementation of this  
7 subtitle, as well as other issues related to advancing  
8 housing protections for victims of domestic violence,  
9 dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, includ-  
10 ing compliance with this subtitle;

11 “(5) implement internal systems to track, mon-  
12 itor, and address compliance failures; and

13 “(6) address the housing needs and barriers  
14 faced by victims of sexual assault, as well as sexual  
15 coercion and sexual harassment by a public housing  
16 agency or owner or manager of housing assisted  
17 under a covered housing program.

18 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
20 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2023  
21 through 2027.

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

23 “(a) NON-RETALIATION REQUIREMENT.—No public  
24 housing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted  
25 under a covered housing program shall discriminate

1 against any person because that person has opposed any  
2 act or practice made unlawful by this subtitle, or because  
3 that person testified, assisted, or participated in any mat-  
4 ter related to this chapter.

5       “(b) PROHIBITION ON COERCION.—No public hous-  
6 ing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted under  
7 a covered housing program shall coerce, intimidate, threat-  
8 en, or interfere with, or retaliate against, any person in  
9 the exercise or enjoyment of, on account of the person hav-  
10 ing exercised or enjoyed, or on account of the person hav-  
11 ing aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise  
12 or enjoyment of, any rights or protections under this chap-  
13 ter, including—

14               “(1) intimidating or threatening any person be-  
15 cause that person is assisting or encouraging a per-  
16 son entitled to claim the rights or protections under  
17 this chapter; and

18               “(2) retaliating against any person because that  
19 person has participated in any investigation or ac-  
20 tion to enforce this chapter.

21       “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Housing  
22 and Urban Development and the Attorney General shall  
23 implement and enforce this chapter consistent with, and  
24 in a manner that provides, the rights and remedies pro-

1 vided for in title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42  
2 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).”.

3 **SEC. 603. PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME**  
4 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

5 Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence  
6 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.),  
7 as amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting  
8 after section 41414 the following:

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

11 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘covered  
12 governmental entity’ means any municipal, county, or  
13 State government that receives funding under section 106  
14 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974  
15 (42 U.S.C. 5306).

16 “(b) RIGHT TO REPORT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Landlords, homeowners,  
18 tenants, residents, occupants, and guests of, and ap-  
19 plicants for, housing—

20 “(A) shall have the right to seek law en-  
21 forcement or emergency assistance on their own  
22 behalf or on behalf of another person in need  
23 of assistance; and

24 “(B) shall not be penalized based on their  
25 requests for assistance or based on criminal ac-

1           tivity of which they are a victim or otherwise  
2           not at fault under statutes, ordinances, regula-  
3           tions, or policies adopted or enforced by covered  
4           governmental entities.

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

7                   “(A) actual or threatened assessment of  
8                   monetary or criminal penalties, fines, or fees;

9                   “(B) actual or threatened eviction;

10                   “(C) actual or threatened refusal to rent  
11                   or renew tenancy;

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

14                   “(E) actual or threatened closure of the  
15                   property, or designation of the property as a  
16                   nuisance or a similarly negative designation.

17           “(c) REPORTING.—Consistent with the process de-  
18           scribed in section 104(b) of the Housing and Community  
19           Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(b)), covered  
20           governmental entities shall—

21                   “(1) report any of their laws or policies, or, as  
22                   applicable, the laws or policies adopted by sub-  
23                   grantees, that impose penalties on landlords, home-  
24                   owners, tenants, residents, occupants, guests, or  
25                   housing applicants based on requests for law en-

1       forcement or emergency assistance or based on  
2       criminal activity that occurred at a property; and

3               “(2) certify that they are in compliance with  
4       the protections under this subtitle or describe the  
5       steps the covered governmental entities will take  
6       within 180 days to come into compliance, or to en-  
7       sure compliance among subgrantees.

8       “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Housing  
9       and Urban Development and the Attorney General shall  
10      implement and enforce this chapter consistent with, and  
11      in a manner that provides, the same rights and remedies  
12      as those provided for in title VIII of the Civil Rights Act  
13      of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).

14      “(e) SUBGRANTEES.—For those covered govern-  
15      mental entities that distribute funds to subgrantees, com-  
16      pliance with subsection (c)(1) includes inquiring about the  
17      existence of laws and policies adopted by subgrantees that  
18      impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, tenants, resi-  
19      dents, occupants, guests, or housing applicants based on  
20      requests for law enforcement or emergency assistance or  
21      based on criminal activity that occurred at a property.”.

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 “2023 through  
19 2027”;

20 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

21 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
22 paragraph (2); and

23 (D) in paragraph (2)(B), as so redesign-  
24 ated, by striking “0.25 percent” and inserting  
25 “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.—The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 103 (42 U.S.C. 11302), by  
8 amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

9 “(b) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEX-  
10 UAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND OTHER DANGEROUS,  
11 TRAUMATIC, OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS RELAT-  
12 ING TO SUCH VIOLENCE.—Notwithstanding any other  
13 provision of this section, the Secretary shall consider to  
14 be homeless any individual or family who—

15 “(1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety  
16 related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic  
17 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or  
18 other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening con-  
19 ditions related to the violence against the individual  
20 or a family member in the individual’s or family’s  
21 current housing situation, including where the health  
22 and safety of children are jeopardized;

23 “(2) has no other safe residence; and

24 “(3) lacks the resources to obtain other safe  
25 permanent housing.”; and

1           (2) in section 423(a) (42 U.S.C. 11383(a)), by  
2 adding at the end the following:

3           “(13) Facilitating and coordinating activities to  
4 ensure compliance with subsection (e) of section  
5 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994  
6 (34 U.S.C. 12491) and monitoring compliance with  
7 the confidentiality protections of subsection (c)(4) of  
8 such section.”.

9           (b) COLLABORATIVE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE  
10 LONG-TERM STABILITY OF VICTIMS.—Section 41404(i) of  
11 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
12 12474(i)) is amended by striking “2014 through 2018”  
13 and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

14           (c) GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
15 IN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.—Section 41405 of  
16 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
17 12475) is amended—

18           (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “the Direc-  
19 tor of the Violence Against Women Office” and in-  
20 serting “the Director of the Office on Violence  
21 Against Women”;

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

1           (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through  
2           2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

3           (d) VAWA TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
4 GRANTS.—Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Vio-  
5 lence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et  
6 seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by in-  
7 serting after section 41415 the following:

8 **“SEC. 41416. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**  
9 **GRANTS.**

10           “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
11 retary of Housing and Urban Development such sums as  
12 may be necessary for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to  
13 be used for training and technical assistance to support  
14 the implementation of this chapter, including technical as-  
15 sistance agreements with entities whose primary purpose  
16 and expertise is assisting survivors of sexual assault and  
17 domestic violence or providing culturally specific services  
18 to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
19 sault, and stalking.”.

20 **SEC. 606. STUDY AND REPORT ON HOUSING AND SERVICE**  
21 **NEEDS OF SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING AND**  
22 **INDIVIDUALS AT RISK FOR TRAFFICKING.**

23           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24           (1) SURVIVOR OF A SEVERE FORM OF TRAF-  
25 FICKING.—The term “survivor of a severe form of

1 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “victim  
2 of a severe form of trafficking” in section 103 of the  
3 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
4 U.S.C. 7102).

5 (2) SURVIVOR OF TRAFFICKING.—The term  
6 “survivor of trafficking” has the meaning given the  
7 term “victim of trafficking” in section 103 of the  
8 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
9 U.S.C. 7102).

10 (b) STUDY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing  
12 and Urban Development shall conduct a study as-  
13 sessing the availability and accessibility of housing  
14 and services for individuals experiencing homeless-  
15 ness or housing instability who are—

16 (A) survivors of trafficking, including sur-  
17 vivors of a severe form of trafficking; or

18 (B) at risk of being trafficked.

19 (2) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—In  
20 conducting the study required under paragraph (1),  
21 the Secretary shall—

22 (A) coordinate with—

23 (i) the Interagency Task Force to  
24 Monitor and Combat Trafficking estab-  
25 lished under section 105 of the Trafficking

1 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.  
2 7103);

3 (ii) the United States Advisory Coun-  
4 cil on Human Trafficking;

5 (iii) the Secretary of Health and  
6 Human Services; and

7 (iv) the Attorney General; and

8 (B) consult with—

9 (i) the National Advisory Committee  
10 on the Sex Trafficking of Children and  
11 Youth in the United States;

12 (ii) survivors of trafficking;

13 (iii) direct service providers, includ-  
14 ing—

15 (I) organizations serving runaway  
16 and homeless youth;

17 (II) organizations serving sur-  
18 vivors of trafficking through commu-  
19 nity-based programs; and

20 (III) organizations providing  
21 housing services to survivors of traf-  
22 ficking; and

23 (iv) housing and homelessness assist-  
24 ance providers, including recipients of  
25 grants under—

1 (I) the Continuum of Care pro-  
2 gram authorized under subtitle C of  
3 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
4 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381  
5 et seq.); and

6 (II) the Emergency Solutions  
7 Grants program authorized under  
8 subtitle B of title IV of the McKin-  
9 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
10 (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

11 (3) CONTENTS.—The study conducted pursuant  
12 to paragraph (1) shall include—

13 (A) with respect to the individuals de-  
14 scribed in such paragraph—

15 (i) an evaluation of formal assess-  
16 ments and outreach methods used to iden-  
17 tify and assess the housing and service  
18 needs of such individuals, including out-  
19 reach methods—

20 (I) to ensure effective commu-  
21 nication with individuals with disabil-  
22 ities; and

23 (II) to reach individuals with lim-  
24 ited English proficiency;

1           (ii) a review of the availability and ac-  
2           cessibility of homelessness or housing serv-  
3           ices for such individuals, including the  
4           family members of such individuals who  
5           are minors involved in foster care systems,  
6           that identifies the disability-related needs  
7           of such individuals, including the need for  
8           housing with accessibility features;

9           (iii) an analysis of the effect of any  
10          policies and procedures of mainstream  
11          homelessness or housing services that fa-  
12          cilitate or limit the availability of such  
13          services and accessibility for such individ-  
14          uals, including those such individuals who  
15          are involved in the legal system, as such  
16          services are in effect as of the date on  
17          which the study is conducted;

18          (iv) a determination of the best prac-  
19          tices in meeting the housing and service  
20          needs of such individuals; and

21          (v) an assessment of barriers to fair  
22          housing and housing discrimination against  
23          survivors of trafficking who are members  
24          of a protected class under the Fair Hous-  
25          ing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.);

1           (B) an assessment of the ability of main-  
2           stream homelessness or housing services to  
3           meet the specialized needs of survivors of traf-  
4           ficking, including trauma responsive approaches  
5           specific to labor and sex trafficking survivors;  
6           and

7           (C) an evaluation of the effectiveness of,  
8           and infrastructure considerations for, housing  
9           and service-delivery models that are specific to  
10          survivors of trafficking, including survivors of  
11          severe forms of trafficking, including emergency  
12          rental assistance models.

13          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the  
14          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Hous-  
15          ing and Urban Development shall—

16               (1) submit a report to the Committee on Bank-  
17               ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and  
18               the Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
19               Representatives that contains the information de-  
20               scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of sub-  
21               section (b)(3); and

22               (2) make the report submitted pursuant to  
23               paragraph (1) available to the public.



1 **TITLE VII—ECONOMIC SECURITY**  
2 **FOR VICTIMS**

3 **SEC. 701. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Over 1 in 3 women experience sexual vio-  
6 lence, and 1 in 5 women have survived completed or  
7 attempted rape. Such violence has a devastating im-  
8 pact on women’s physical and emotional health, fi-  
9 nancial security, and ability to maintain their jobs,  
10 and thus impacts interstate commerce and economic  
11 security.

12 (2) Homicide is one of the leading causes of  
13 death for women on the job. Domestic partners or  
14 relatives commit 43 percent of workplace homicides  
15 against women. One study found that intimate part-  
16 ner violence resulted in 142 homicides among women  
17 at work in the United States from 2003 to 2008, a  
18 figure which represents 22 percent of the 648 work-  
19 place homicides among women during the period. In  
20 fact, in 2010, homicides against women at work in-  
21 creased by 13 percent despite continuous declines in  
22 overall workplace homicides in recent years.

23 (3) Violence can have a dramatic impact on the  
24 survivor of such violence. Studies indicate that 44  
25 percent of surveyed employed adults experienced the

1 effect of domestic violence in the workplace, and 64  
2 percent indicated their workplace performance was  
3 affected by such violence. Another recent survey  
4 found that 78 percent of offenders used workplace  
5 resources to express anger, check up on, pressure, or  
6 threaten a survivor. Sexual assault, whether occur-  
7 ring in or out of the workplace, can impair an em-  
8 ployee's work performance, require time away from  
9 work, and undermine the employee's ability to main-  
10 tain a job. Nearly 50 percent of sexual assault sur-  
11 vivors lose their jobs or are forced to quit in the  
12 aftermath of the assaults.

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

24 (5) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
25 vention report that survivors of severe intimate part-

1       ner violence lose nearly 8,000,000 days of paid work,  
2       which is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-  
3       time jobs and almost 5,600,000 days of household  
4       productivity each year. Therefore, women dispropor-  
5       tionately need time off to care for their health or to  
6       find safety solutions, such as obtaining a restraining  
7       order or finding housing, to avoid or prevent further  
8       violence.

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

21               (7) Fifty-five percent of senior executives re-  
22       cently surveyed said domestic violence has a harmful  
23       effect on their company's productivity, and more  
24       than 70 percent said domestic violence negatively af-  
25       fects attendance. Seventy-eight percent of human re-

1 sources professionals consider partner violence a  
2 workplace issue. However, more than 70 percent of  
3 United States workplaces have no formal program or  
4 policy that addresses workplace violence, let alone  
5 domestic violence. In fact, only 4 percent of employ-  
6 ers provided training on domestic violence.

7 (8) Harassment is a persistent and significant  
8 problem in the workplace in the United States, and  
9 the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
10 found that not less than 25 percent, and as many  
11 as 85 percent, of women surveyed report having ex-  
12perienced sexual harassment at work.

13 (9) For decades, survivors of sexual violence  
14 have come forward to seek justice and demand their  
15 right to be free from violence, harassment, and other  
16 forms of discrimination. These calls for change  
17 reached a tipping point after October 2017 as a re-  
18 sult of Tarana Burke's work and #MeToo going  
19 viral. Thousands of courageous individuals, from  
20 Hollywood to the halls of Congress and the military,  
21 to restaurants, agricultural fields, and factory floors,  
22 shined a light on the pervasive and insidious nature  
23 of workplace harassment and sexual assault.

1           (10) Working people can be subjected to mul-  
2           tiple forms of harassment in the workplace at the  
3           same time.

4           (11) According to the Equal Employment Op-  
5           portunity Commission, approximately 3 out of 4 in-  
6           dividuals who experience harassment never talked to  
7           a supervisor, manager, or union representative about  
8           the harassing conduct.

9           (12) The impact of domestic violence, dating vi-  
10          olence, sexual assault, and stalking on the workplace  
11          is a part of the challenge of workplace harassment.

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

19          (14) Abusers frequently seek to exert financial  
20          control over their partners by actively interfering  
21          with their ability to work, including preventing their  
22          partners from going to work, harassing their part-  
23          ners at work, limiting their partners' access to cash  
24          or transportation, and sabotaging their partners'  
25          child care arrangements.

1           (15) Economic abuse refers to behaviors that  
2           control an intimate partner’s ability to acquire, use,  
3           and maintain access to money, credit, ownership of  
4           assets, or governmental or private financial benefits,  
5           including defaulting on joint obligations (such as  
6           school loans, credit card debt, mortgages, or rent).  
7           Other forms of such abuse may include preventing  
8           someone from attending school, threatening to or ac-  
9           tually terminating employment, controlling or with-  
10          holding access to cash, checking, or credit accounts,  
11          and attempting to damage or sabotage the credit-  
12          worthiness of an intimate partner, including forcing  
13          an intimate partner to write bad checks, forcing an  
14          intimate partner to default on payments related to  
15          household needs, such as housing, or forcing an inti-  
16          mate partner into bankruptcy.

17          (16) This title aims to empower survivors of do-  
18          mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
19          stalking to be free from violence, hardship, and con-  
20          trol, which restrains basic human rights to freedom  
21          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 Violence Against Women Act  
5 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12501) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
14 the end;

15 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “and  
16 stalking” and inserting “stalking, and sexual  
17 harassment”;

18 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or sexual  
19 harassment” before the period at the end;

20 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by inserting “or  
21 sexual harassment” after “sexual violence”;

22 (5) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
23 subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

24 (6) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1       “(e) PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY PILOT  
2 PROJECT.—An eligible nonprofit nongovernmental entity  
3 or tribal organization that receives a grant under this sec-  
4 tion may develop a plan to enhance the capacity of sur-  
5 vivors to obtain and maintain employment, including  
6 through the implementation of a demonstration pilot pro-  
7 gram to be known as ‘Pathways to Opportunity’, which  
8 shall—

9               “(1) build collaborations between and among  
10 victim service providers, workforce development pro-  
11 grams, and educational and vocational institutions to  
12 provide trauma informed programming to support  
13 survivors seeking employment; and

14               “(2) be centered around culturally specific orga-  
15 nizations or organizations that primarily serve popu-  
16 lations traditionally marginalized in the workplace.”;

17               (7) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by  
18 striking “\$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014  
19 through 2018” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each  
20 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027”.

21 **SEC. 703. PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE TEMPORARY AS-**  
22 **SISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.**

23 (a) TANF PERSONNEL TRAINING.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Social  
2           Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended by add-  
3           ing at the end the following new paragraph:

4           “(8) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL  
5           PROVIDE INFORMATION TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL  
6           HARASSMENT OR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIO-  
7           LENCE, 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 and poten-  
13           tial applicants for assistance under the  
14           State program funded under this part are  
15           notified of assistance made available by the  
16           State to victims of sexual harassment and  
17           survivors of domestic violence, sexual as-  
18           sault, or stalking;

19           “(ii) ensure that case workers and  
20           other agency personnel responsible for ad-  
21           ministering the State program funded  
22           under this part are trained in—

23           “(I) the nature and dynamics of  
24           sexual harassment and domestic vio-  
25           lence, sexual assault, and stalking;

1           “(II) State standards and proce-  
2           dures relating to the prevention of,  
3           and assistance for, individuals who  
4           are victims of sexual harassment or  
5           survivors of domestic violence, sexual  
6           assault, or stalking; and

7           “(III) methods of ascertaining  
8           and ensuring the confidentiality of  
9           personal information and documenta-  
10          tion related to applicants for assist-  
11          ance and their children who have pro-  
12          vided notice about their experiences of  
13          sexual harassment, domestic violence,  
14          sexual assault, or stalking; and

15          “(iii) ensure that, if a State has elect-  
16          ed to establish and enforce standards and  
17          procedures regarding the screening for,  
18          and identification of, domestic violence,  
19          sexual assault, or stalking pursuant to  
20          paragraph (7)—

21          “(I) the State program funded  
22          under this part provides information  
23          about the options under this part to  
24          current and potential beneficiaries;  
25          and

1           “(II) case workers and other  
2           agency personnel responsible for ad-  
3           ministering the State program funded  
4           under this part are provided with  
5           training regarding State standards  
6           and procedures pursuant to paragraph  
7           (7).

8           “(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
9           paragraph—

10           “(i) the term ‘sexual harassment’  
11           means hostile, intimidating, or oppressive  
12           behavior based on sex that creates an of-  
13           fensive work environment;

14           “(ii) the term ‘domestic violence’ has  
15           the meaning given such term in paragraph  
16           (7); and

17           “(iii) the terms ‘sexual assault’ and  
18           ‘stalking’ have the meanings given such  
19           terms in section 40002 of the Violence  
20           Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
21           12291).”.

22           (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 1 year  
23           after the date of enactment of this Act, each State  
24           shall submit the certification required under para-  
25           graph (8) of subsection (a) of section 402 of the So-

1       cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602), as added by para-  
2       graph (1), in the form of an amendment to the  
3       State’s plan submitted under such section. A State  
4       shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the  
5       requirement of such paragraph (8) before the date  
6       that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this  
7       Act.

8       (b) NATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING  
9       A MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR TANF PERSONNEL  
10      TRAINING.—

11             (1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

12                     (A) MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM.—The  
13             Secretary of Health and Human Services (in  
14             this subsection referred to as the “Secretary”)  
15             shall—

16                             (i) develop and disseminate a model  
17                             training program (and related materials)  
18                             for the training required under section  
19                             402(a)(8) of the Social Security Act, and  
20                             if the State so elects, section 402(a)(7) of  
21                             such Act; and

22                             (ii) provide technical assistance with  
23                             respect to such model training program to  
24                             eligible States (as defined in section 402 of  
25                             the Social Security Act).

1 (B) GRANTS.—In developing the model  
2 training program under subparagraph (A)(i),  
3 the Secretary may award grants and contracts  
4 and may develop such program in cooperation  
5 with an eligible partner.

6 (2) ELIGIBLE PARTNER DEFINED.—For pur-  
7 poses of paragraph (1), the term “eligible partner”  
8 means an entity that is—

9 (A) a State or tribal domestic violence coa-  
10 lition or sexual assault coalition; or

11 (B) a State or local victim service provider  
12 with recognized expertise in the dynamics of do-  
13 mestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
14 whose primary mission is to provide services to  
15 survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or  
16 stalking, including a rape crisis center or do-  
17 mestic violence program.

18 (3) REPORT.—

19 (A) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
20 than 5 years after the date of the enactment of  
21 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
22 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of  
23 Representatives and the Committee on Finance  
24 of the Senate a report on the program estab-  
25 lished under this subsection.

1 (B) REPORT AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.—The  
2 Secretary shall establish procedures for the dis-  
3 semination to the public of the report submitted  
4 under subparagraph (A) not later than 10 days  
5 after the submission of such report to Congress  
6 under such subparagraph. Such procedures  
7 shall include the use of the internet to dissemi-  
8 nate such report.

9 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
10 There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000  
11 to carry out this section for each of fiscal years  
12 2023 through 2027.

13 **SEC. 704. STUDY AND REPORTS ON BARRIERS TO SUR-**  
14 **VIVORS' ECONOMIC SECURITY ACCESS.**

15 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
16 Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall  
17 conduct a study on the barriers that survivors of domestic  
18 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
19 throughout the United States experience in maintaining  
20 economic security, including the impact of the COVID–  
21 19 pandemic on such victims' ability to maintain economic  
22 security, as a result of issues related to domestic violence,  
23 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

24 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
25 of enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter,

1 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consulta-  
2 tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall submit a report  
3 to Congress on the study conducted under subsection (a).

4 (c) CONTENTS.—The study and reports under this  
5 section shall include—

6 (1) identification of geographic areas in which  
7 State laws, regulations, and practices have a strong  
8 impact on the ability of survivors of domestic vio-  
9 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to  
10 exercise—

11 (A) any rights under this title (including  
12 any amendments made by this title) without  
13 compromising personal safety or the safety of  
14 others, including family members and excluding  
15 the abuser; and

16 (B) other components of economic security,  
17 including financial empowerment, affordable  
18 housing, transportation, health care access,  
19 credit history, and quality education and train-  
20 ing opportunities;

21 (2) identification of geographic areas with  
22 shortages in resources for such survivors, with an  
23 accompanying analysis of the extent and impact of  
24 such shortage;

1           (3) analysis of the unique barriers faced by  
2 such survivors living in rural communities;

3           (4) analysis of factors related to industries,  
4 workplace settings, employer practices, trends, and  
5 other elements that impact the ability of such sur-  
6 vivors to exercise any rights under this Act (includ-  
7 ing any amendments made by this Act) without com-  
8 promising personal safety or the safety of others, in-  
9 cluding family members;

10          (5) the recommendations of the Secretary of  
11 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of  
12 Labor with respect to resources, oversight, and en-  
13 forcement tools to ensure successful implementation  
14 of the provisions of this Act in order to support the  
15 economic security and safety of survivors of domestic  
16 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

17          (6) best practices for States, employers, health  
18 carriers, insurers, and other private entities in ad-  
19 dressing issues related to domestic violence, dating  
20 violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

21          (7) barriers that impede victims' ability to pur-  
22 sue legal action, including legal costs and filing fees,  
23 and complexities of the jurisdiction of law enforce-  
24 ment agencies.



1 **SEC. 705. GAO STUDY.**

2 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
4 shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor  
5 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
6 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a  
7 report that examines, with respect to survivors of domestic  
8 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who  
9 are, or were, enrolled at institutions of higher education  
10 and borrowed a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under  
11 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
12 1070 et seq.) for which the survivors have not repaid the  
13 total interest and principal due, each of the following:

14 (1) The implications of domestic violence, dat-  
15 ing violence, sexual assault, or stalking on a bor-  
16 rower's ability to repay their Federal student loans.

17 (2) The adequacy of policies and procedures re-  
18 garding Federal student loan deferment, forbear-  
19 ance, and grace periods when a survivor has to sus-  
20 pend or terminate the survivor's enrollment at an in-  
21 stitution of higher education due to domestic vio-  
22 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

23 (3) The adequacy of institutional policies and  
24 practices regarding retention or transfer of credits  
25 when a survivor has to suspend or terminate the  
26 survivor's enrollment at an institution of higher edu-

1 cation due to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
2 ual assault, or stalking.

3 (4) The availability or any options for a sur-  
4 vivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
5 sault, or stalking who attended an institution of  
6 higher education that committed unfair, deceptive,  
7 or abusive acts or practices, or otherwise substan-  
8 tially misrepresented information to students, to be  
9 able to seek a defense to repayment of the survivor's  
10 Federal student loan.

11 (5) The limitations faced by a survivor of do-  
12 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
13 stalking to obtain any relief or restitution on the  
14 survivor's Federal student loan debt due to the use  
15 of forced arbitration, gag orders, or bans on class  
16 actions.

17 **TITLE VIII—SAFETY FOR INDIAN**  
18 **WOMEN**

19 **Subtitle A—Tools to Enhance**  
20 **Public Safety for Indian Tribes**

21 **SEC. 801. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

22 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

23 (1) American Indians and Alaska Natives are—

24 (A) 2.5 times as likely to experience violent

25 crimes; and

1 (B) at least 2 times more likely to experi-  
2 ence rape or sexual assault crimes;

3 (2) more than 4 in 5 American Indian and  
4 Alaska Native women have experienced violence in  
5 their lifetime;

6 (3) the vast majority of American Indian and  
7 Alaska Native victims of violence—96 percent of  
8 women victims and 89 percent of male victims—have  
9 experienced sexual violence by a non-Indian pepe-  
10 trator at least once in their lifetime;

11 (4) Indian Tribes exercising special domestic vi-  
12 olence criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians pursu-  
13 ant to section 204 of Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C.  
14 1304) (commonly known as the “Indian Civil Rights  
15 Act of 1968”), restored by section 904 of the Vio-  
16 lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013  
17 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 120), have reported  
18 significant success holding violent offenders account-  
19 able for crimes of domestic violence, dating violence,  
20 and civil protection order violations;

21 (5) Tribal prosecutors for Indian Tribes exer-  
22 cising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction  
23 report that the majority of domestic violence cases  
24 involve children either as witnesses or victims, and  
25 the Department of Justice reports that American In-

1       dian and Alaska Native children suffer exposure to  
2       violence at one of the highest rates in the United  
3       States;

4               (6) childhood exposure to violence can have im-  
5       mediate and long-term effects, including increased  
6       rates of altered neurological development, poor phys-  
7       ical and mental health, poor school performance,  
8       substance abuse, and overrepresentation in the juve-  
9       nile justice system;

10              (7) according to the Centers for Disease Con-  
11       trol and Prevention, homicide is—

12                   (A) the third leading cause of death among  
13       American Indian and Alaska Native women be-  
14       tween 10 and 24 years of age; and

15                   (B) the fifth leading cause of death for  
16       American Indian and Alaska Native women be-  
17       tween 25 and 34 years of age;

18              (8) in some areas of the United States, Native  
19       American women are murdered at rates more than  
20       10 times the national average;

21              (9) according to a 2017 report by the Depart-  
22       ment of Justice, 66 percent of criminal prosecutions  
23       for crimes in Indian country that United States At-  
24       torneys declined to prosecute involved assault, mur-  
25       der, or sexual assault;

1           (10) investigation into cases of missing or mur-  
2           dered Indigenous women is made difficult for Tribal  
3           law enforcement agencies due to a lack of resources,  
4           including a lack of—

5                   (A) necessary personnel, training, equip-  
6                   ment, or funding;

7                   (B) interagency cooperation;

8                   (C) appropriate laws in place; and

9                   (D) access to Federal law enforcement  
10           databases;

11           (11) domestic violence calls are among the most  
12           dangerous calls that law enforcement receives;

13           (12) the complicated jurisdictional scheme that  
14           exists in Indian country—

15                   (A) has a significant impact on public safe-  
16                   ty in Indian communities;

17                   (B) according to Tribal justice officials,  
18                   has been increasingly exploited by criminals;  
19                   and

20                   (C) requires a high degree of commitment  
21                   and cooperation among Tribal, Federal, and  
22                   State law enforcement officials;

23           (13) restoring and enhancing Tribal capacity to  
24           address violence against women provides for greater

1 local control, safety, accountability, and trans-  
2 parency;

3 (14) Indian Tribes with restrictive settlement  
4 Acts, such as Indian Tribes in the State of Maine,  
5 and Indian Tribes located in States with concurrent  
6 authority to prosecute crimes in Indian country  
7 under the amendments made by the Act of August  
8 15, 1953 (67 Stat. 590, chapter 506), face unique  
9 public safety challenges; and

10 (15) Native Hawaiians experience a dispro-  
11 tionately high rate of human trafficking, with 64  
12 percent of human trafficking victims in the State of  
13 Hawai'i identifying as at least part Native Hawai-  
14 ian.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this subtitle are—

16 (1) to clarify the responsibilities of Federal,  
17 State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies  
18 with respect to responding to cases of domestic vio-  
19 lence, dating violence, stalking, sex trafficking, sex-  
20 ual violence, crimes against children, and assault  
21 against Tribal law enforcement officers;

22 (2) to increase coordination and communication  
23 among Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforce-  
24 ment agencies;

1           (3) to empower Tribal governments and Native  
2 American communities, including urban Indian com-  
3 munities and Native Hawaiian communities, with  
4 the resources and information necessary to effec-  
5 tively respond to cases of domestic violence, dating  
6 violence, stalking, sex trafficking, sexual violence,  
7 and missing or murdered Native Americans; and

8           (4) to increase the collection of data related to  
9 missing or murdered Native Americans and the  
10 sharing of information among Federal, State, Tribal,  
11 and local officials responsible for responding to and  
12 investigating crimes impacting Indian Tribes and  
13 Native American communities, including urban In-  
14 dian communities and Native Hawaiian commu-  
15 nities, especially crimes relating to cases of missing  
16 or murdered Native Americans.

17 **SEC. 802. TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM.**

18           (a) ACCESS TO NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION  
19 DATABASES BY INDIAN TRIBES.—Section 233(b) of the  
20 Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (34 U.S.C. 41107)  
21 is amended—

22           (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
23 following:

24           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
25 ensure that—

1           “(A) tribal law enforcement officials that  
2           meet applicable Federal or State requirements  
3           shall be permitted access to national crime in-  
4           formation databases; and

5           “(B) technical assistance and training is  
6           provided to Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal  
7           law enforcement agencies to gain access to, and  
8           the ability to use and input information into,  
9           the National Crime Information Center and  
10          other national crime information databases pur-  
11          suant to section 534 of title 28, United States  
12          Code.”; and

13          (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “with criminal  
14          jurisdiction over Indian country”.

15          (b) ACQUISITION, PRESERVATION, AND EXCHANGE  
16          OF IDENTIFICATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION.—Sec-  
17          tion 534(d) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

18                 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as  
19                 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indent-  
20                 ing appropriately;

21                 (2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)  
22                 (as so redesignated) by striking “The Attorney Gen-  
23                 eral” and inserting the following:

24                         “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General”;  
25                         and



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

2 “(2) TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General  
4 shall establish a program, to be known as the  
5 ‘Tribal Access Program’, to enhance the ability  
6 of tribal governments and their authorized  
7 agencies to access, enter information into, and  
8 obtain information from national criminal infor-  
9 mation databases under this section.

10 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
11 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
12 to carry out the Tribal Access Program under  
13 subparagraph (A) \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal  
14 years 2023 through 2027, to remain available  
15 until expended.

16 “(3) INFORMATION SHARING.—To the extent  
17 otherwise permitted by law, any report issued as a  
18 result of the analysis of information entered into na-  
19 tional criminal information databases or obtained  
20 from Federal criminal databases shall be shared  
21 with each Indian tribe of jurisdiction, including In-  
22 dian tribes located in the State of Maine.”.

23 (c) IDENTIFICATION RECORDS.—The second para-  
24 graph of the matter under the heading “SALARIES AND  
25 EXPENSES” under the heading “FEDERAL BUREAU OF IN-

1 VESTIGATION” of the Department of Justice Appropria-  
2 tion Act, 1973 (34 U.S.C. 41101) is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “or Tribal” after “if authorized  
4 by State”; and

5 (2) by inserting “, Tribal,” before “and local  
6 governments”.

7 **SEC. 803. BUREAU OF PRISONS TRIBAL PRISONER PRO-**  
8 **GRAM.**

9 Section 234(c) of the Tribal Law and Order Act of  
10 2010 (25 U.S.C. 1302 note; Public Law 111–211) is  
11 amended—

12 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
13 “PILOT”;

14 (2) by striking “pilot” each place it appears;

15 (3) in paragraph (1), by striking “Not later  
16 than 120 days after the date of enactment of this  
17 title” and inserting “Not later than 120 days after  
18 the date of enactment of the Violence Against  
19 Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022”;

20 (4) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “2 or more  
21 years” and inserting “1 or more years”; and

22 (5) by striking paragraphs (5) and (6).

1 **SEC. 804. TRIBAL JURISDICTION OVER COVERED CRIMES.**

2 Section 204 of Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304)  
3 (commonly known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of  
4 1968”) is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by striking  
6 “**CRIMES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**” and insert-  
7 ing “**COVERED CRIMES**”;

8 (2) by striking “special domestic violence crimi-  
9 nal jurisdiction” each place it appears and inserting  
10 “special Tribal criminal jurisdiction”;

11 (3) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),  
13 (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (6),  
14 (7), (8), (10), (11), (14), and (15), respectively;

15 (B) by inserting before paragraph (6) (as  
16 so redesignated) the following:

17 “(1) **ASSAULT OF TRIBAL JUSTICE PER-**  
18 **SONNEL.**—The term ‘assault of Tribal justice per-  
19 sonnel’ means any violation of the criminal law of  
20 the Indian tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian  
21 country where the violation occurs that involves the  
22 use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical  
23 force against an individual authorized to act for, or  
24 on behalf of, that Indian tribe or serving that Indian  
25 tribe during, or because of, the performance or du-  
26 ties of that individual in—

1           “(A) preventing, detecting, investigating,  
2           making arrests relating to, making apprehen-  
3           sions for, or prosecuting a covered crime;

4           “(B) adjudicating, participating in the ad-  
5           judication of, or supporting the adjudication of  
6           a covered crime;

7           “(C) detaining, providing supervision for,  
8           or providing services for persons charged with  
9           a covered crime; or

10          “(D) incarcerating, supervising, providing  
11          treatment for, providing rehabilitation services  
12          for, or providing reentry services for persons  
13          convicted of a covered crime.

14          “(2) CHILD.—The term ‘child’ means a person  
15          who has not attained the lesser of—

16                 “(A) the age of 18; and

17                 “(B) except in the case of sexual abuse,  
18                 the age specified by the criminal law of the In-  
19                 dian tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian  
20                 country where the violation occurs.

21          “(3) CHILD VIOLENCE.—The term ‘child vio-  
22          lence’ means the use, threatened use, or attempted  
23          use of violence against a child proscribed by the  
24          criminal law of the Indian tribe that has jurisdiction  
25          over the Indian country where the violation occurs.

1           “(4) COERCION; COMMERCIAL SEX ACT.—The  
2 terms ‘coercion’ and ‘commercial sex act’ have the  
3 meanings given the terms in section 1591(e) of title  
4 18, United States Code.

5           “(5) COVERED CRIME.—The term ‘covered  
6 crime’ means—

7                   “(A) assault of Tribal justice personnel;

8                   “(B) child violence;

9                   “(C) dating violence;

10                  “(D) domestic violence;

11                  “(E) obstruction of justice;

12                  “(F) sexual violence;

13                  “(G) sex trafficking;

14                  “(H) stalking; and

15                  “(I) a violation of a protection order.”;

16                  (C) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated),  
17 by striking “violence committed” and inserting  
18 “any violation of the criminal law of the Indian  
19 tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-  
20 try where the violation occurs that is com-  
21 mitted”;

22                  (D) by striking paragraph (7) (as so redesi-  
23 gnated) and inserting the following:

24           “(7) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-  
25 tic violence’ means any violation of the criminal law

1 of the Indian tribe that has jurisdiction over the In-  
2 dian country where the violation occurs that is com-  
3 mitted by—

4 “(A) a current or former spouse or inti-  
5 mate partner of the victim;

6 “(B) a person with whom the victim shares  
7 a child in common;

8 “(C) a person who is cohabitating with or  
9 who has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse  
10 or intimate partner; or

11 “(D) a person similarly situated to a  
12 spouse of the victim under the domestic- or  
13 family-violence laws of the Indian tribe that has  
14 jurisdiction over the Indian country where the  
15 violation occurs.”;

16 (E) by inserting after paragraph (8) (as so  
17 redesignated) the following:

18 “(9) OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.—The term  
19 ‘obstruction of justice’ means any violation of the  
20 criminal law of the Indian tribe that has jurisdiction  
21 over the Indian country where the violation occurs  
22 that involves interfering with the administration or  
23 due process of the laws of the Indian tribe, including  
24 any Tribal criminal proceeding or investigation of a  
25 crime.”;

1 (F) by inserting after paragraph (11) (as  
2 so redesignated) the following:

3 “(12) SEX TRAFFICKING.—The term ‘sex traf-  
4 ficking’ means conduct within the meaning of sec-  
5 tion 1591(a) of title 18, United States Code.

6 “(13) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term ‘sexual vi-  
7 olence’ means any nonconsensual sexual act or con-  
8 tact proscribed by the criminal law of the Indian  
9 tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian country  
10 where the violation occurs, including in any case in  
11 which the victim lacks the capacity to consent to the  
12 act.”;

13 (G) in paragraph (14) (as so redesign-  
14 ated), in the paragraph heading, by striking  
15 “SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL JU-  
16 RISDICTION” and inserting “SPECIAL TRIBAL  
17 CRIMINAL JURISDICTION”; and

18 (H) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(16) STALKING.—The term ‘stalking’ means  
20 engaging in a course of conduct directed at a spe-  
21 cific person proscribed by the criminal law of the In-  
22 dian tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-  
23 try where the violation occurs that would cause a  
24 reasonable person—

1           “(A) to fear for the person’s safety or the  
2 safety of others; or

3           “(B) to suffer substantial emotional dis-  
4 tress.

5           “(17) VIOLATION OF A PROTECTION ORDER.—  
6 The term ‘violation of a protection order’ means an  
7 act that—

8           “(A) occurs in the Indian country of a par-  
9 ticipating tribe; and

10           “(B) violates a provision of a protection  
11 order that—

12           “(i) prohibits or provides protection  
13 against violent or threatening acts or har-  
14 assment against, sexual violence against,  
15 contact or communication with, or physical  
16 proximity to, another person;

17           “(ii) was issued against the defend-  
18 ant;

19           “(iii) is enforceable by the partici-  
20 pating tribe; and

21           “(iv) is consistent with section  
22 2265(b) of title 18, United States Code.”;

23           (4) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after “the  
24 powers of self-government of a participating tribe”



1 the following: “, including any participating tribes in  
2 the State of Maine,”;

3 (5) in subsection (b)(4)—

4 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
5 “EXCEPTIONS” and inserting “EXCEPTION IF  
6 VICTIM AND DEFENDANT ARE BOTH NON-INDI-  
7 ANS”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting “,  
9 other than obstruction of justice or assault of  
10 Tribal justice personnel,” after “over an alleged  
11 offense”;

12 (C) by striking subparagraph (B);

13 (D) in subparagraph (A)—

14 (i) by striking the subparagraph des-  
15 ignation and heading and all that follows  
16 through “A participating” in clause (i) and  
17 inserting the following:

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A participating”; and

19 (ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as  
20 subparagraph (B) and indenting appro-  
21 priately; and

22 (E) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesign-  
23 ated), by striking “subparagraph” and insert-  
24 ing “paragraph”;

1           (6) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
2 following:

3           “(c) CRIMINAL CONDUCT.—A participating tribe may  
4 exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdiction over a defend-  
5 ant for a covered crime that occurs in the Indian country  
6 of the participating tribe.”;

7           (7) in subsection (e), by striking paragraph (3);  
8 and

9           (8) by striking subsections (f), (g), and (h) and  
10 inserting the following:

11           “(f) PETITIONS FOR WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—After a defendant has been  
13 sentenced by a participating tribe, the defendant  
14 may file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in a  
15 court of the United States under section 203.

16           “(2) REQUIREMENT.—An application for a writ  
17 of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody  
18 pursuant to an order of a Tribal court shall not be  
19 granted unless —

20           “(A) the applicant has exhausted the rem-  
21 edies available in the Tribal court system;

22           “(B) there is an absence of an available  
23 Tribal corrective process; or

1           “(C) circumstances exist that render the  
2           Tribal corrective process ineffective to protect  
3           the rights of the applicant.

4           “(g) NOTICE; HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS.—A par-  
5           ticipating tribe that has ordered the detention of any per-  
6           son has a duty to timely notify in writing such person of  
7           their rights and privileges under this section and under  
8           section 203.

9           “(h) REIMBURSEMENT AND GRANTS TO TRIBAL  
10          GOVERNMENTS.—

11           “(1) REIMBURSEMENT.—

12           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General  
13           may reimburse Tribal government authorities  
14           (or an authorized designee of a Tribal govern-  
15           ment) for expenses incurred in exercising spe-  
16           cial Tribal criminal jurisdiction.

17           “(B) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—Eligible ex-  
18           penses for reimbursement under subparagraph  
19           (A) shall include expenses and costs incurred  
20           in, relating to, or associated with—

21           “(i) investigating, making arrests re-  
22           lating to, making apprehensions for, or  
23           prosecuting covered crimes (including costs  
24           involving the purchasing, collecting, and

1 processing of sexual assault forensic mate-  
2 rials);

3 “(ii) detaining, providing supervision  
4 of, or providing services for persons  
5 charged with covered crimes (including  
6 costs associated with providing health  
7 care);

8 “(iii) providing indigent defense serv-  
9 ices for 1 or more persons charged with 1  
10 or more covered crimes; and

11 “(iv) incarcerating, supervising, or  
12 providing treatment, rehabilitation, or re-  
13 entry services for 1 or more persons  
14 charged with 1 or more covered crimes.

15 “(C) PROCEDURE.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Reimbursements  
17 authorized under subparagraph (A) shall  
18 be in accordance with rules promulgated by  
19 the Attorney General, after consultation  
20 with Indian tribes, and within 1 year after  
21 the date of enactment of the Violence  
22 Against Women Act Reauthorization Act  
23 of 2022.

1           “(ii) MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT.—

2           The rules promulgated by the Attorney

3           General under clause (i)—

4                   “(I) shall set a maximum allow-

5                   able reimbursement to any Tribal gov-

6                   ernment (or an authorized designee of

7                   any Tribal government) in a 1-year

8                   period; and

9                   “(II) may allow the Attorney

10                  General—

11                           “(aa) to establish conditions

12                           under which a Tribal government

13                           (or an authorized designee of a

14                           Tribal government) may seek a

15                           waiver to the maximum allowable

16                           reimbursement requirement es-

17                           tablished under subclause (I);

18                           and

19                           “(bb) to waive the maximum

20                           allowable reimbursement require-

21                           ments established under sub-

22                           clause (I) for a Tribal govern-

23                           ment (or an authorized designee

24                           of a Tribal government) if the

25                           conditions established by the At-

1           torney General under item (aa)  
2           are met by that Tribal govern-  
3           ment (or authorized designee).

4           “(iii) TIMELINESS OF REIMBURSE-  
5           MENTS.—To the maximum extent prac-  
6           ticable, the Attorney General shall—

7                   “(I) not later than 90 days after  
8                   the date on which the Attorney Gen-  
9                   eral receives a qualifying reimburse-  
10                  ment request from a Tribal govern-  
11                  ment (or an authorized designee of a  
12                  Tribal government)—

13                           “(aa) reimburse the Tribal  
14                           government (or authorized des-  
15                           ignee); or

16                           “(bb) notify the Tribal gov-  
17                           ernment (or authorized designee)  
18                           of the reason by which the Attor-  
19                           ney General was unable to issue  
20                           the reimbursement; and

21                           “(II) not later than 30 days after  
22                           the date on which a Tribal govern-  
23                           ment (or an authorized designee of a  
24                           Tribal government) reaches the an-  
25                           nual maximum allowable reimburse-

1                   ment for the Tribal government (or  
2                   an authorized designee) established by  
3                   the Attorney General under clause  
4                   (ii)(I), notify the Tribal government  
5                   (or authorized designee) that the  
6                   Tribal government has reached its an-  
7                   nual maximum allowable reimburse-  
8                   ment.

9                   “(D) ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATING  
10                  TRIBES IN ALASKA.—A Tribal government (or  
11                  an authorized designee of a Tribal Government)  
12                  of an Indian tribe designated as a participating  
13                  Tribe under subtitle B of title VIII of the Vio-  
14                  lence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act  
15                  of 2022 shall be eligible for reimbursement, in  
16                  accordance with this paragraph, of expenses in-  
17                  curred in exercising special Tribal criminal ju-  
18                  risdiction under that subtitle.

19                  “(2) GRANTS.—The Attorney General may  
20                  award grants to Tribal governments (or authorized  
21                  designees of Tribal governments), including a Tribal  
22                  government (or an authorized designee of a Tribal  
23                  government) of an Indian tribe designated as a par-  
24                  ticipating Tribe under subtitle B of title VIII of the

1 Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of  
2 2022—

3 “(A) to strengthen Tribal criminal justice  
4 systems to assist Indian tribes in exercising  
5 special Tribal criminal jurisdiction, including  
6 for—

7 “(i) law enforcement (including the  
8 capacity of law enforcement, court per-  
9 sonnel, or other non-law enforcement enti-  
10 ties that have no Federal or State arrest  
11 authority agencies but have been des-  
12 ignated by an Indian tribe as responsible  
13 for maintaining public safety within the  
14 territorial jurisdiction of the Indian tribe,  
15 to enter information into and obtain infor-  
16 mation from national crime information  
17 databases);

18 “(ii) prosecution;

19 “(iii) trial and appellate courts (in-  
20 cluding facilities maintenance, renovation,  
21 and rehabilitation);

22 “(iv) supervision systems;

23 “(v) detention and corrections (includ-  
24 ing facilities maintenance, renovation, and  
25 rehabilitation);



1           “(vi) treatment, rehabilitation, and re-  
2           entry programs and services;

3           “(vii) culturally appropriate services  
4           and assistance for victims and their fami-  
5           lies; and

6           “(viii) criminal codes and rules of  
7           criminal procedure, appellate procedure,  
8           and evidence;

9           “(B) to provide indigent criminal defend-  
10          ants with licensed defense counsel, at no cost to  
11          the defendant, in criminal proceedings in which  
12          a participating tribe prosecutes covered crimes;

13          “(C) to ensure that, in criminal pro-  
14          ceedings in which a participating tribe exercises  
15          special Tribal criminal jurisdiction, jurors are  
16          summoned, selected, and instructed in a man-  
17          ner consistent with all applicable requirements;  
18          and

19          “(D) to accord victims of covered crimes  
20          rights that are similar to the rights of a crime  
21          victim described in section 3771(a) of title 18,  
22          United States Code, consistent with Tribal law  
23          and custom.

24          “(i) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made  
25          available under this section shall supplement and not sup-

1 plant any other Federal, State, or local government  
2 amounts made available to carry out activities described  
3 in this section.

4 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
6 appropriated \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
7 2023 through 2027—

8 “(A) to carry out subsection (h); and

9 “(B) to provide training, technical assist-  
10 ance, data collection, and evaluation of the  
11 criminal justice systems of participating tribes.

12 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—Of the total amount made  
13 available under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year,  
14 not more than 40 percent shall be used for reim-  
15 bursements under subsection (h)(1).”.

## 16 **Subtitle B—Alaska Tribal Public** 17 **Safety Empowerment**

### 18 **SEC. 811. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.**

19 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

20 (1) according to the report of the Indian Law  
21 and Order Commission established by section 15 of  
22 the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act (25 U.S.C.  
23 2812), Alaska Native women—

24 (A) are overrepresented in the domestic vi-  
25 olence victim population by 250 percent;

1 (B) in the State of Alaska, comprise—

2 (i) 19 percent of the population of the  
3 State; but

4 (ii) 47 percent of reported rape vic-  
5 tims in the State; and

6 (C) as compared to the populations of  
7 other Indian Tribes, suffer the highest rates of  
8 domestic and sexual violence;

9 (2) most Alaska Native villages are located in  
10 remote areas that—

11 (A) are often inaccessible by road; and

12 (B) have no local law enforcement pres-  
13 ence;

14 (3) the Commission referred to in paragraph  
15 (1)—

16 (A) determined that the Alaska Depart-  
17 ment of Public Safety—

18 (i) has primary responsibility for law  
19 enforcement in rural Alaska; but

20 (ii) provides only 1 to 1.4 field officers  
21 per 1,000,000 acres; and

22 (B) recommended that “devolving author-  
23 ity to Alaska Native communities is essential  
24 for addressing local crime. Their governments  
25 are best positioned to effectively arrest, pros-

1           ecute, and punish, and they should have the au-  
2           thority to do so-or to work out voluntary agree-  
3           ments with each other, and with local govern-  
4           ments and the State on mutually beneficial  
5           terms”; and

6           (4) the unique legal relationship of the United  
7           States to Indian Tribes creates a Federal trust re-  
8           sponsibility to assist Tribal governments in safe-  
9           guarding the lives of Indian women.

10          (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this subtitle are—

11           (1) to increase coordination and communication  
12           among Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforce-  
13           ment agencies; and

14           (2) to empower Indian Tribes to effectively re-  
15           spond to cases of domestic violence, dating violence,  
16           stalking, sex trafficking, sexual violence, and missing  
17           or murdered Alaska Natives through the exercise of  
18           special Tribal criminal jurisdiction.

19          **SEC. 812. DEFINITIONS.**

20          In this subtitle:

21           (1) ASSAULT OF TRIBAL JUSTICE PERSONNEL;  
22           COVERED CRIME; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; PRO-  
23           TECTION ORDER; VIOLATION OF A PROTECTION  
24           ORDER.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The terms “assault of  
2 Tribal justice personnel”, “covered crime”, “ob-  
3 struction of justice”, “protection order”, and  
4 “violation of a protection order” have the mean-  
5 ings given the terms in section 204(a) of Public  
6 Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304(a)) (commonly  
7 known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of  
8 1968”).

9 (B) APPLICATION.—For purposes of the  
10 application of the definitions of “assault of  
11 Tribal justice personnel”, “obstruction of jus-  
12 tice”, and “violation of a protection order”, and  
13 for purposes of the application of the defined  
14 terms contained in the definition of “covered  
15 crime”, under section 204(a) of Public Law 90–  
16 284 (25 U.S.C. 1304(a)) (commonly known as  
17 the “Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968”) to the  
18 pilot program, the Attorney General shall mod-  
19 ify any reference to “Indian country” to mean  
20 the Village of a participating Tribe.

21 (2) INDIAN; INDIAN COURT; INDIAN TRIBE;  
22 POWERS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.—The terms “In-  
23 dian”, “Indian court”, “Indian tribe”, and “powers  
24 of self-government” have the meanings given the  
25 terms in section 201 of Public Law 90–284 (25

1 U.S.C. 1301) (commonly known as the “Indian Civil  
2 Rights Act of 1968”).

3 (3) PARTICIPATING TRIBE.— The term “par-  
4 ticipating Tribe” means an Indian tribe that is des-  
5 ignated under section 813(d)(1) as a participating  
6 Tribe to exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdiction.

7 (4) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “pilot pro-  
8 gram” means the pilot program established by sec-  
9 tion 813(d)(1).

10 (5) SPECIAL TRIBAL CRIMINAL JURISDIC-  
11 TION.—The term “special Tribal criminal jurisdic-  
12 tion” means the criminal jurisdiction that a partici-  
13 pating Tribe may exercise under this subtitle but  
14 could not otherwise exercise.

15 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
16 of Alaska.

17 (7) VILLAGE.—The term “Village” means the  
18 Alaska Native Village Statistical Area covering all or  
19 any portion of a Native village (as defined in section  
20 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
21 U.S.C. 1602)), as depicted on the applicable Tribal  
22 Statistical Area Program Verification map of the  
23 Bureau of the Census.

1 **SEC. 813. TRIBAL JURISDICTION IN ALASKA.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to title II of Public Law  
3 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) (commonly known as the  
4 “Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968”), Congress recognizes  
5 and affirms the inherent authority of any Indian tribe oc-  
6 cupying a Village in the State to exercise criminal and civil  
7 jurisdiction over all Indians present in the Village.

8 (b) TRIBAL CIVIL JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE PRO-  
9 TECTION ORDERS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—A court of any Indian tribe  
11 in the State shall have full civil jurisdiction to issue  
12 and enforce protection orders involving any person  
13 in matters—

14 (A) arising within the Village of the Indian  
15 tribe; or

16 (B) otherwise within the authority of the  
17 Indian tribe.

18 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The full civil jurisdiction to  
19 issue and enforce protection orders under paragraph  
20 (1) includes the authority to enforce protection or-  
21 ders through—

22 (A) civil contempt proceedings;

23 (B) exclusion of violators from the Village  
24 of the Indian tribe; and

25 (C) other appropriate mechanisms.

26 (c) SPECIAL TRIBAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
2 provision of law, in addition to all powers of self-gov-  
3 ernment recognized and affirmed under subsection  
4 (a), the powers of self-government of a participating  
5 Tribe include the inherent power of the participating  
6 Tribe, which is hereby recognized and affirmed, to  
7 exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdiction over a  
8 defendant for a covered crime that occurs in the Vil-  
9 lage of the participating Tribe.

10           (2) CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.—The exercise  
11 of special Tribal criminal jurisdiction by a partici-  
12 pating Tribe shall be concurrent with the jurisdic-  
13 tion of the United States, the State, or both.

14           (3) EXCEPTION IF VICTIM AND DEFENDANT  
15 ARE BOTH NON-INDIANS.—

16           (A) IN GENERAL.—A participating Tribe  
17 may not exercise special Tribal criminal jurisdic-  
18 tion over an alleged offense of a covered  
19 crime, other than obstruction of justice or as-  
20 sault of Tribal justice personnel, if neither the  
21 defendant nor the alleged victim is an Indian.

22           (B) DEFINITION OF VICTIM.—In this para-  
23 graph and with respect to a criminal proceeding  
24 in which a participating Tribe exercises special  
25 Tribal criminal jurisdiction based on a violation



1 of a protection order, the term “victim” means  
2 a person specifically protected by the protection  
3 order that the defendant allegedly violated.

4 (d) PILOT PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL TRIBAL CRIMINAL  
5 JURISDICTION OVER PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INDI-  
6 ANS.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to title II of  
8 Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) (com-  
9 monly known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of  
10 1968”), there is established a pilot program under  
11 which the Attorney General, subject to paragraph  
12 (5), shall designate not more than 5 Indian tribes  
13 per calendar year as participating Tribes to exercise  
14 the special Tribal criminal jurisdiction described in  
15 paragraph (6) over all persons present in the Village  
16 of the Indian tribe.

17 (2) PROCEDURE.—At any time during the 1-  
18 year period beginning on the date of enactment of  
19 this Act, and annually thereafter, an Indian tribe  
20 may request the Attorney General to designate the  
21 Indian tribe as a participating Tribe under para-  
22 graph (1).

23 (3) DESIGNATION OF PARTICIPATING TRIBES.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General,  
25 in consultation with the Secretary of the Inte-

1 rior and affected Indian tribes, shall establish a  
2 process to designate Indian tribes to participate  
3 in the pilot program, which process shall—

4 (i) require that preference shall be  
5 given to Indian tribes occupying Villages—

6 (I) the populations of which are  
7 predominantly Indian; or

8 (II) that lack a permanent State  
9 law enforcement physical presence;

10 (ii) require that for each Indian tribe  
11 requesting to be designated as a partici-  
12 pating Tribe, the Attorney General makes  
13 a determination that the criminal justice  
14 system of the Indian tribe has adequate  
15 safeguards in place to protect defendants'  
16 rights, consistent with section 204(d) of  
17 Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304(d))  
18 (commonly known as the “Indian Civil  
19 Rights Act of 1968”); and

20 (iii) be subject to such other criteria  
21 as the Attorney General considers to be  
22 appropriate to achieve the purposes of this  
23 subtitle.

24 (B) DESIGNATION.—The Attorney General  
25 shall designate Indian tribes to participate in

1 the pilot program under paragraph (1) using  
2 the process established under subparagraph  
3 (A).

4 (4) INTERTRIBAL PARTICIPATION.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—2 or more participating  
6 Tribes (or the Tribal organization (as defined  
7 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
8 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.  
9 5304)) of the participating Tribe, if the Tribal  
10 organization is exercising delegated authority  
11 from the participating Tribe)—

12 (i) may elect to participate jointly in  
13 the pilot program by providing shared re-  
14 sources to carry out the purposes of the  
15 pilot program; and

16 (ii) on making an election pursuant to  
17 clause (i), shall be considered to be a single  
18 participating Tribe for purposes of the  
19 maximum number of participating Tribes  
20 under paragraphs (1) and (5).

21 (B) ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATING  
22 TRIBES.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—Additional partici-  
24 pating Tribes may elect to join an estab-  
25 lished intertribal partnership under sub-

1 paragraph (A) at any time after the inter-  
2 tribal partnership is established.

3 (ii) APPLICATION.—An intertribal  
4 partnership that additional participating  
5 Tribes elect to join pursuant to clause (i)  
6 shall be considered to be a single partici-  
7 pating Tribe for purposes of the maximum  
8 number of participating Tribes under para-  
9 graphs (1) and (5).

10 (5) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING  
11 TRIBES.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
13 subparagraph (B), the Attorney General may  
14 designate not more than 30 Indian tribes to  
15 participate in the pilot program.

16 (B) EXCEPTION.—The limitation under  
17 subparagraph (A) shall not apply if the Attor-  
18 ney General submits to the Committee on In-  
19 dian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee  
20 on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
21 resentatives, and publishes in the Federal Reg-  
22 ister, a written notice of the intention to des-  
23 ignate additional Indian tribes as participating  
24 Tribes, including the rationale for the designa-

1           tion, by not later than the date that is 180 days  
2           before the date of designation.

3           (6) DESCRIPTION OF JURISDICTION.—Congress  
4           recognizes and affirms that an Indian tribe selected  
5           to participate in the pilot program as a participating  
6           Tribe may exercise, subject to paragraph (7), special  
7           Tribal criminal jurisdiction with respect to covered  
8           crimes.

9           (7) RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS.—In exercising  
10          special Tribal criminal jurisdiction under the pilot  
11          program, a participating Tribe shall provide to each  
12          defendant all rights described in section 204(d) of  
13          Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304(d)) (commonly  
14          known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968”).

15          (e) SENTENCES.—In a criminal proceeding in which  
16          an Indian court of a participating Tribe, in exercising spe-  
17          cial Tribal criminal jurisdiction with respect to a covered  
18          crime, imposes a sentence of imprisonment of more than  
19          1 year on a defendant pursuant to section 202(b) of Public  
20          Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1302(b)) (commonly known as  
21          the “Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968”), the Indian court  
22          may require the defendant—

23                  (1) to serve a sentence—

24                          (A) in a Tribal correctional center that has  
25                          been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

1 for long-term incarceration, in accordance with  
2 guidelines set by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

3 (B) at the expense of the United States, in  
4 the nearest appropriate Federal facility pursu-  
5 ant to the Bureau of Prisons Tribal Prisoner  
6 Program established under section 234(e)(1) of  
7 the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (25  
8 U.S.C. 1302 note; Public Law 111–211); or

9 (C) at the expense of the participating  
10 Tribe and, subject to section 204(f)(1) of Public  
11 Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304(f)(1)) (commonly  
12 known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of  
13 1968”), reimbursable by the Attorney General,  
14 in a detention or correctional center approved  
15 by the State or a local government of the State  
16 pursuant to a memorandum of agreement be-  
17 tween the participating Tribe and the State or  
18 local government of the State; or

19 (2) to serve another alternative form of punish-  
20 ment, as determined by the Indian court pursuant to  
21 Tribal law.

22 (f) MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.—The Attorney  
23 General and the Secretary of the Interior may enter into  
24 such memoranda of agreement with participating Tribes  
25 and the State as are necessary and appropriate—

1           (1) to coordinate respective law enforcement ac-  
2           tivities;

3           (2) to share equipment and other resources;

4           (3) to establish cross-deputization arrange-  
5           ments;

6           (4) to coordinate appropriate training activities;

7           and

8           (5) to address any other matters that will facili-  
9           tate the successful implementation of the pilot pro-  
10          gram, including intergovernmental agreements re-  
11          garding—

12                   (A) the incarceration of convicted persons;

13           and

14                   (B) cooperation in the investigation and  
15          prosecution of crimes.

16          (g) ALASKA TRIBAL PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COM-  
17          MITTEE.—

18           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year  
19          after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney  
20          General, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
21          Interior, affected Indian tribes, and the State, shall  
22          establish a committee, to be known as the “Alaska  
23          Tribal Public Safety Advisory Committee” (referred  
24          to in this subsection as the “Committee”).

1           (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Committee shall con-  
2           sist of 1 or more representatives from—

3                   (A) participating Tribes and Indian tribes  
4                   aspiring to participate in the pilot program;

5                   (B) Federal, Tribal, State, and local law  
6                   enforcement; and

7                   (C) Tribal nonprofit organizations pro-  
8                   viding victim services.

9           (3) DUTIES.—The Committee shall focus on—

10                   (A) improving the justice systems, crime  
11                   prevention, and victim services of Indian tribes  
12                   and the State; and

13                   (B) increasing coordination and commu-  
14                   nication among Federal, Tribal, State, and local  
15                   law enforcement agencies.

16           (4) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the  
17           Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-  
18           ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates author-  
19           ized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of  
20           chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while  
21           away from their homes or regular places of business  
22           in the performance of services for the Committee.

23           (5) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal  
24           Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not  
25           apply to the Committee.



1           (6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3           this subsection such sums as may be necessary for  
4           the period of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, to re-  
5           main available until expended.

6           (h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 5 years  
7           after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-  
8           eral, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and  
9           affected Indian tribes, shall submit to Congress a report  
10          describing the results of the pilot program, including an  
11          explanation of any modifications to law necessary to facili-  
12          tate improved law enforcement in Villages.

13          (i) APPLICABILITY.—Nothing in this subtitle—

14                (1) limits, alters, expands, or diminishes the  
15                civil or criminal jurisdiction of the United States,  
16                the State, any subdivision of the State, or any In-  
17                dian tribe in the State;

18                (2) creates or eliminates any Federal or State  
19                criminal jurisdiction over a Village; or

20                (3) affects the authority of the United States or  
21                any authority delegated by the United States to the  
22                State to investigate and prosecute a criminal viola-  
23                tion in a Village.

1 **TITLE IX—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**  
2 **AGAINST WOMEN**

3 **SEC. 901. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**  
4 **AGAINST WOMEN.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE  
6 AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2002 of title I of the Omnibus  
7 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
8 10442) is amended—

9 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**VIO-**  
10 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting  
11 “**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”;

12 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “a Violence  
13 Against Women Office” and inserting “an Office on  
14 Violence Against Women”;

15 (3) in subsection (b), by inserting “, not sub-  
16 sumed by any other office” after “within the De-  
17 partment of Justice”; and

18 (4) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “authorized  
19 or undertaken under the” and that follows and in-  
20 serting “authorized or undertaken under—

21 “(A) the Violence Against Women Act of  
22 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322);

23 “(B) the Violence Against Women Act of  
24 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–386);

1           “(C) the Violence Against Women and De-  
2           partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of  
3           2005 (Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 2960);

4           “(D) the Violence Against Women Reau-  
5           thorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–4;  
6           127 Stat. 54); and

7           “(E) the Violence Against Women Act Re-  
8           authorization Act of 2022.”.

9           (b) DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE  
10          AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2003 of title I of the Omnibus  
11          Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
12          10443) is amended—

13           (1) in the section heading, by striking “**VIO-**  
14           **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting  
15           “**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”;

16           (2) in subsection (a)—

17           (A) by striking “the Violence Against  
18           Women Office” and inserting “the Office on Vi-  
19           olence Against Women”; and

20           (B) by striking “in this title referred to”  
21           and inserting “in this part referred to”;

22           (3) in subsection (b)(2)—

23           (A) by striking “or the Violence” and in-  
24           serting “, the Violence”; and

1 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
2 inserting “, the Violence Against Women and  
3 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of  
4 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 2960),  
5 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization  
6 Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54),  
7 or the Violence Against Women Act Reauthor-  
8 ization Act of 2022.”.

9 (c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE  
10 OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2004  
11 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets  
12 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10444) is amended—

13 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**VIO-**  
14 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting  
15 “**OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”;

16 (2) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding  
17 subparagraph (A)—

18 (A) by striking “and the Violence” and in-  
19 serting “, the Violence”; and

20 (B) by striking “, including with” and in-  
21 serting “, the Violence Against Women and De-  
22 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of  
23 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 2960),  
24 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization  
25 Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54),

1 and the Violence Against Women Act Reauthor-  
 2 ization Act of 2022, including with”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (6)(B), by inserting “syn-  
 4 chronize Federal definitions and protocols,” before  
 5 “and improve coordination”.

6 (d) **STAFF OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST**  
 7 **WOMEN.**—Section 2005 of title I of the Omnibus Crime  
 8 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10445)  
 9 is amended in the section heading, by striking “**VIO-**  
 10 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting “**OF-**  
 11 **FICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”.

12 (e) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 121(a)(1)  
 13 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Jus-  
 14 tice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20124(a)(1))  
 15 is amended by striking “the Violence Against Women Of-  
 16 fice” and inserting “the Office on Violence Against  
 17 Women”.

18 **SEC. 902. SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR FOR CULTURALLY SPE-**  
 19 **CIFIC COMMUNITIES OF THE OFFICE ON VIO-**  
 20 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

21 Part T of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
 22 Streets Act (34 U.S.C. 10441 et seq.), as amended by sec-  
 23 tion 101, is further amended by adding at the end the  
 24 following:

1 **“SEC. 2018. SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR FOR CULTURALLY**  
2 **SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
4 Office on Violence Against Women a Senior Policy Advisor  
5 for Culturally Specific Communities.

6 “(b) DUTIES.—The Senior Policy Advisor for Cul-  
7 turally Specific Communities, under the guidance and au-  
8 thority of the Director, shall—

9 “(1) advise on the administration of grants re-  
10 lated to culturally specific services and contracts  
11 with culturally specific organizations;

12 “(2) coordinate development of Federal policy,  
13 protocols, and guidelines on matters relating to do-  
14 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
15 stalking in culturally specific communities;

16 “(3) advise the Director on policies, legislation,  
17 implementation of laws, and other issues relating to  
18 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
19 and stalking in culturally specific communities;

20 “(4) provide technical assistance, coordination,  
21 and support to other offices and bureaus in the De-  
22 partment of Justice to develop policy and to enforce  
23 Federal laws relating to domestic violence, dating vi-  
24 olence, sexual assault, and stalking in culturally spe-  
25 cific communities;

1           “(5) ensure that appropriate technical assist-  
2           ance, developed and provided by entities with exper-  
3           tise in culturally specific communities, is made avail-  
4           able to grantees and potential grantees proposing to  
5           serve culturally specific communities;

6           “(6) ensure access to grants and technical as-  
7           sistance for culturally specific organizations; and

8           “(7) analyze the distribution of grant funding  
9           in order to identify barriers for culturally specific or-  
10          ganizations.

11          “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not later than 120 days  
12          after the date of enactment of this section, the Director  
13          shall hire for the position established under subsection (a)  
14          an individual with personal, lived, and work experience  
15          from a culturally specific community, and a demonstrated  
16          history and expertise addressing domestic violence or sex-  
17          ual assault in a nongovernmental agency.”.

1 **TITLE X—IMPROVING CONDI-**  
2 **TIONS FOR WOMEN IN FED-**  
3 **ERAL CUSTODY**

4 **SEC. 1001. IMPROVING THE TREATMENT OF PRIMARY**  
5 **CARETAKER PARENTS AND OTHER INDIVID-**  
6 **UALS IN FEDERAL PRISONS.**

7 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
8 “Ramona Brant Improvement of Conditions for Women  
9 in Federal Custody Act”.

10 (b) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 303 of title 18, United  
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 **“§ 4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and**  
14 **other individuals**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘correctional officer’ means a cor-  
17 rectional officer of the Bureau of Prisons;

18 “(2) the term ‘covered institution’ means a  
19 Federal penal or correctional institution;

20 “(3) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
21 the Bureau of Prisons;

22 “(4) the term ‘post-partum recovery’ means the  
23 first 12-week period of post-partum recovery after  
24 giving birth;



1           “(5) the term ‘primary caretaker parent’ has  
2 the meaning given the term in section 31903 of the  
3 Family Unity Demonstration Project Act (34 U.S.C.  
4 12242);

5           “(6) the term ‘prisoner’ means an individual  
6 who is incarcerated in a Federal penal or correc-  
7 tional institution, including a vulnerable person; and

8           “(7) the term ‘vulnerable person’ means an in-  
9 dividual who—

10           “(A) is under 21 years of age or over 60  
11 years of age;

12           “(B) is pregnant;

13           “(C) is victim or witness of a crime;

14           “(D) has filed a nonfrivolous civil rights  
15 claim in Federal or State court; or

16           “(E) during the period of incarceration,  
17 has been determined to have experienced or to  
18 be experiencing severe trauma or to be the vic-  
19 tim of gender-based violence—

20           “(i) by any court or administrative ju-  
21 dicial proceeding;

22           “(ii) by any corrections official;

23           “(iii) by the individual’s attorney or  
24 legal service provider; or

25           “(iv) by the individual.

1 “(b) GEOGRAPHIC PLACEMENT.—

2 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—The Direc-  
3 tor shall establish within the Bureau of Prisons an  
4 office that determines the placement of prisoners.

5 “(2) PLACEMENT OF PRISONERS.—In deter-  
6 mining the placement of a prisoner, the office estab-  
7 lished under paragraph (1) shall—

8 “(A) if the prisoner has children, consider  
9 placing the prisoner as close to the children as  
10 possible; and

11 “(B) consider any other factor that the of-  
12 fice determines to be appropriate.

13 “(c) PROHIBITION ON PLACEMENT OF PREGNANT  
14 PRISONERS OR PRISONERS IN POST-PARTUM RECOVERY  
15 IN SEGREGATED HOUSING UNITS.—

16 “(1) PLACEMENT IN SEGREGATED HOUSING  
17 UNITS.—A covered institution may not place a pris-  
18 oner who is pregnant or in post-partum recovery in  
19 a segregated housing unit unless the prisoner pre-  
20 sents an immediate risk of harm to the prisoner or  
21 others.

22 “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—Any placement of a pris-  
23 oner described in paragraph (1) in a segregated  
24 housing unit shall be limited and temporary.

1       “(d) INTAKE AND ASSESSMENTS.—The Director  
2 shall assess the need for family-focused programming at  
3 intake, such as questions about children, gauge interest  
4 in parenting resources, and concerns about their child or  
5 caregiving, and administer ongoing assessment to better  
6 inform, identify, and make recommendations about the  
7 mother’s parental role and familial needs.

8       “(e) PARENTING CLASSES.—The Director shall pro-  
9 vide parenting classes to each prisoner who is a primary  
10 caretaker parent, and such classes shall be made available  
11 to prisoners with limited English proficiency in compliance  
12 with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.  
13 2000d et seq.).

14       “(f) TRAUMA SCREENING.—The Director shall pro-  
15 vide training, including cultural competency training, to  
16 each correctional officer and each employee of the Bureau  
17 of Prisons who regularly interacts with prisoners, includ-  
18 ing each instructor and health care professional, to enable  
19 those correctional officers and employees to—

20               “(1) identify a prisoner who may have a mental  
21 or physical health need relating to trauma the pris-  
22 oner has experienced; and

23               “(2) refer a prisoner described in paragraph (1)  
24 to the proper health care professional for diagnosis  
25 and treatment.

1       “(g) FAMILY NEEDS TRAINING.—The Director shall  
2 provide training to correctional officers and employees of  
3 the Bureau of Prisons who engage with prisoners’ families  
4 on—

5           “(1) how to interact with children in an age-ap-  
6 propriate manner, and the children’s caregivers;

7           “(2) basic childhood and adolescent develop-  
8 ment information; and

9           “(3) basic customer service skills.

10       “(h) INMATE HEALTH.—

11           “(1) HEALTH CARE ACCESS.—The Director  
12 shall ensure that all prisoners receive adequate  
13 health care.

14           “(2) HYGIENIC PRODUCTS.—The Director shall  
15 make essential hygienic products, including sham-  
16 poo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and any other hygien-  
17 ic product that the Director determines appropriate,  
18 available without charge to prisoners. The Director  
19 shall make rules—

20           “(A) on the distribution and accessibility  
21 of sanitary products to prisoners, to ensure  
22 each prisoner who requires these products re-  
23 ceives a quantity the prisoner deems sufficient;  
24 and

1           “(B) providing that no visitor is prohibited  
2           from visiting a prisoner due to the visitor’s use  
3           of sanitary products.

4           “(3) GYNECOLOGIST ACCESS.—The Director  
5           shall ensure that all prisoners have access to a gynecologist as appropriate.

7           “(4) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in  
8           paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect the requirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act  
9           of 2003 (34 U.S.C. 30301 et seq.).”

11          (c) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section  
12 3621(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
13 adding at the end the following:

14           “(7) ELIGIBILITY OF PRIMARY CARETAKER  
15           PARENTS AND PREGNANT WOMEN.—The Director of  
16           the Bureau of Prisons may not prohibit an eligible  
17           prisoner who is a primary caretaker parent (as defined in section 4051) or pregnant from participating in a program of residential substance abuse  
18           treatment provided under paragraph (1) on the basis  
19           of a failure by the eligible prisoner, before being  
20           committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons,  
21           to disclose to any official of the Bureau of Prisons  
22           that the prisoner had a substance abuse problem on  
23           or before the date on which the eligible prisoner was  
24           or before the date on which the eligible prisoner was  
25

1 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Pris-  
2 ons.”.

3 (d) IMPLEMENTATION DATE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of  
6 the Bureau of Prisons shall implement this section  
7 and the amendments made by this section.

8 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
10 Bureau of Prisons shall submit to the Committee on  
11 the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on  
12 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a  
13 progress report on the implementation of this section  
14 and the amendments made by this section.

15 (e) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
16 The table of sections for chapter 303 of title 18, United  
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing:

“4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals.”.

19 **SEC. 1002. HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PREGNANT WOMEN**  
20 **AND MOTHERS.**

21 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
22 “Stop Infant Mortality And Recidivism Reduction Act” or  
23 the “SIMARRA Act”.

24 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 270 days after  
25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bu-

1 reau of Prisons (in this section referred to as the “Direc-  
2 tor”) shall establish a pilot program (in this section re-  
3 ferred to as the “Program”) in accordance with this sec-  
4 tion to permit women incarcerated in Federal prisons and  
5 the children born to such women during incarceration to  
6 reside together while the inmate serves a term of imprison-  
7 ment.

8 (c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are  
9 to—

10 (1) prevent infant mortality among infants born  
11 to incarcerated mothers and greatly reduce the trau-  
12 ma and stress experienced by pregnant inmates;

13 (2) reduce the recidivism rates of federally in-  
14 carcerated women and mothers, and enhance public  
15 safety by improving the effectiveness of the Federal  
16 prison system for women as a population with spe-  
17 cial needs;

18 (3) utilize a female offender risk and needs as-  
19 sessment to encourage a more effective and efficient  
20 Federal prison system;

21 (4) utilize a validated post-sentencing risk and  
22 needs assessment system that relies on dynamic fac-  
23 tors to provide Federal prison officials with informa-  
24 tion regarding needs of Federal pregnant offenders  
25 and enhance public safety;

1           (5) perform regular outcome evaluations of the  
2 effectiveness of programs and interventions for fed-  
3 erally incarcerated pregnant women and mothers to  
4 assure that such programs and interventions are evi-  
5 dence-based and to suggest changes, deletions, and  
6 expansions based on the results of such evaluations;  
7 and

8           (6) assist the Department of Justice to address  
9 the underlying cost structure of the Federal prison  
10 system and ensure that the Department can con-  
11 tinue to run parenting programming safely and se-  
12 curely without compromising the scope or quality of  
13 the Department's critical health, safety and law en-  
14 forcement missions.

15       (d) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF PRIS-  
16 ONS.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out  
18 this section in consultation with—

19                   (A) the Director of the Administrative Of-  
20 fice of the United States Courts;

21                   (B) the Director of the Office of Probation  
22 and Pretrial Services; and

23                   (C) the Director of the National Institute  
24 of Justice.



1           (2) DUTIES.—The Director shall, in accordance  
2 with paragraph (3), and in addition to the mandates  
3 under section 3631 of title 18, United States Code—

4           (A) evaluate the female offender risk and  
5 needs assessment for its ability to address the  
6 particular health and sensitivities of federally  
7 incarcerated pregnant women and mothers in  
8 accordance with this subsection;

9           (B) develop recommendations regarding re-  
10 cidivism reduction programs and productive ac-  
11 tivities in accordance with subsection (c);

12           (C) conduct ongoing research and data  
13 analysis on—

14           (i) the best practices relating to the  
15 use of offender risk and needs assessment  
16 tools for female offenders with a particular  
17 emphasis on how those tools address the  
18 health and sensitivities of federally incar-  
19 cipated pregnant women and mothers;

20           (ii) potential improvements to risk  
21 and needs assessment tools for female of-  
22 fenders to address the health and sensitivi-  
23 ties of federally incarcerated pregnant  
24 women and mothers; and

1 (iii) which recidivism reduction pro-  
2 grams are the most effective—

3 (I) for federally incarcerated  
4 pregnant women and mothers classi-  
5 fied at different recidivism risk levels;  
6 and

7 (II) for addressing the specific  
8 needs of federally incarcerated preg-  
9 nant women and mothers;

10 (D) on a biennial basis, review any find-  
11 ings related to evaluations conducted under  
12 subparagraph (A) and the recommendations de-  
13 veloped under subparagraph (B), using the re-  
14 search conducted under subparagraph (C), to  
15 determine whether any revisions or updates  
16 should be made to female offender risk and  
17 needs assessment systems, and if so, make such  
18 revisions or updates;

19 (E) hold periodic meetings with the indi-  
20 viduals listed in paragraph (1) at intervals to be  
21 determined by the Director;

22 (F) develop tools to communicate par-  
23 enting program availability and eligibility cri-  
24 teria to each employee of the Bureau of Prisons  
25 and each pregnant inmate to ensure that each

1 pregnant inmate in the custody of a Bureau of  
2 Prisons facility understands the resources avail-  
3 able to such inmate; and

4 (G) report to Congress in accordance with  
5 subsection (h).

6 (3) METHODS.—In carrying out the duties  
7 under paragraph (2), the Director shall—

8 (A) consult relevant stakeholders; and

9 (B) make decisions using data that is  
10 based on available statistical and empirical evi-  
11 dence.

12 (e) ELIGIBILITY.—An inmate may apply to partici-  
13 pate in the Program if the inmate—

14 (1) is pregnant at the beginning of or during  
15 the term of imprisonment; and

16 (2) is in the custody or control of the Bureau  
17 of Prisons.

18 (f) PROGRAM TERMS.—

19 (1) TERM OF PARTICIPATION.—To correspond  
20 with the purposes and goals of the Program to pro-  
21 mote bonding during the critical stages of child de-  
22 velopment, an eligible inmate selected for the Pro-  
23 gram may participate in the Program, subject to  
24 subsection (g), until the earliest of—

1 (A) the date that the inmate's term of im-  
2 prisonment terminates; or

3 (B) the date the infant fails to meet any  
4 medical criteria established by the Director.

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 recommended edu-  
12 cational or counseling opportunities, including  
13 topics such as child development, parenting  
14 skills, domestic violence, vocational training, or  
15 substance abuse, as appropriate;

16 (C) abide by any court decision regarding  
17 the legal or physical custody of the child; and

18 (D) specify a person who has agreed to  
19 take at least temporary custody of the child if  
20 the inmate's participation in the Program ter-  
21 minates before the inmate's release.

22 (g) CONTINUITY OF CARE.—The Director shall take  
23 appropriate actions to prevent detachment or disruption  
24 of either an inmate's or infant's health and bonding-based  
25 well-being due to termination of the Program.

1 (h) REPORTING.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months  
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, and once  
4 each year thereafter for 5 years, the Director shall  
5 submit a progress report to the Congress with re-  
6 gards to implementing the Program.

7 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 6 months  
8 after the termination of the Program, the Director  
9 shall issue a final report to the Congress that con-  
10 tains a detailed statement of the Director’s findings  
11 and conclusions, including recommendations for leg-  
12 islation, administrative actions, and regulations the  
13 Director considers appropriate.

14 **SEC. 1003. RESEARCH AND REPORT ON WOMEN IN FED-**  
15 **ERAL INCARCERATION.**

16 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
17 of this Act, and thereafter, every other year, the National  
18 Institute of Justice, in consultation with the Bureau of  
19 Justice Statistics and the Bureau of Prisons (including  
20 the Women and Special Population Branch) shall prepare  
21 a report on the status of women in Federal incarceration.  
22 Depending on the topic to be addressed, and the facility,  
23 data shall be collected from Bureau of Prisons personnel  
24 and a sample that is representative of the population of  
25 incarcerated women. The report shall include—

1           (1) with regard to Federal facilities wherein  
2 women are incarcerated—

3           (A) responses by such women to questions  
4 from the Adverse Childhood Experience  
5 (ACES) questionnaire;

6           (B) demographic data of such women;

7           (C) data on the number of women who are  
8 incarcerated and placed in Federal and private  
9 facilities more than 200 miles from their place  
10 of residence;

11          (D) responses by such women to questions  
12 about the extent of exposure to sexual victim-  
13 ization, sexual violence and domestic violence  
14 (both inside and outside of incarceration);

15          (E) the number of such women were preg-  
16 nant at the time that they entered incarcer-  
17 ation;

18          (F) the number of such women who have  
19 children age 18 or under, and if so, how many;  
20 and

21          (G) the crimes for which such women are  
22 incarcerated and the length of their sentence  
23 and to the extent practicable, any information  
24 on the connection between the crime of which  
25 they were convicted and their experience of do-

1 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
2 or stalking; and

3 (2) with regard to all Federal facilities where  
4 persons are incarcerated—

5 (A) a list of best practices with respect to  
6 women’s incarceration and transition, including  
7 staff led programs, services, and management  
8 practices (including making sanitary products  
9 readily available and easily accessible, and ac-  
10 cess to and provision of healthcare);

11 (B) the availability of trauma treatment at  
12 each facility (including number of beds, and  
13 number of trained staff);

14 (C) rates of serious mental illness broken  
15 down by gender and security level and a list of  
16 residential programs available by site; and

17 (D) the availability of vocational education  
18 and a list of vocational programs provided by  
19 each facility.

20 **SEC. 1004. REENTRY PLANNING AND SERVICES FOR INCAR-**  
21 **CERATED WOMEN.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in coordi-  
23 nation with the Director of the Office of Probation and  
24 Pretrial Services and the Director of the Bureau of Pris-  
25 ons (including the Women and Special Population

1 Branch), shall collaborate on a model of gender responsive  
2 transition for incarcerated women, including the develop-  
3 ment of a national standard on prevention with respect  
4 to domestic and sexual violence.

5 (b) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—In developing the  
6 model required under subsection (a), the Attorney General  
7 shall consult with such experts within the Federal govern-  
8 ment (including the Office on Violence Against Women of  
9 the Department of Justice), within Indian Tribes (as de-  
10 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and  
11 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), within Na-  
12 tive Hawaiian organizations (as defined in section 6207  
13 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
14 (20 U.S.C. 7517)), and in the victim service provider com-  
15 munity (including sexual and domestic violence and home-  
16 lessness, job training and job placement service providers)  
17 as are necessary to the completion of a comprehensive  
18 plan.

19 (c) CONTENTS.—The model required under sub-  
20 section (a) shall address, at a minimum—

- 21 (1) the development by the Bureau of Prisons  
22 of a contract for gender collaborative services; and
- 23 (2) identification by re-entry affairs coordina-  
24 tors and responsive planning for the needs of re-en-  
25 tering women with respect to—



1 (A) housing, including risk of homeless-  
2 ness;

3 (B) previous exposure to and risk for do-  
4 mestic and sexual violence;

5 (C) the need for parenting classes, assist-  
6 ance securing childcare, or assistance in seeking  
7 or securing jobs that afford flexibility (as might  
8 be necessary in the re-entry, parenting or other  
9 contexts);

10 (D) other support tailored to the needs of  
11 Indigenous women, including American Indian,  
12 Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women;  
13 and

14 (E) the need to ensure a family-focused re-  
15 entry, by—

16 (i) including incarcerated mothers,  
17 their children, and their caregivers to cre-  
18 ate family reentry planning and program-  
19 ming; and

20 (ii) informing reentry information to  
21 visiting families.

22 **SEC. 1005. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 To carry out this title, there are authorized to be ap-  
24 propriated \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
25 through 2027.

1 **TITLE XI—LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
2 **TOOLS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC**  
3 **SAFETY**

4 **SEC. 1101. NICS DENIAL NOTIFICATION ACT OF 2022.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
6 “NICS Denial Notification Act of 2022”.

7 (b) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 925A  
9 the following:

10 **“§ 925B. Reporting of background check denials to**  
11 **State or Tribal authorities**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the national instant criminal  
13 background check system established under section 103  
14 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (34 U.S.C.  
15 40901) (commonly referred to as ‘NICS’) provides a no-  
16 tice pursuant to section 922(t) that the receipt of a fire-  
17 arm by a person would violate subsection (g) or (n) of  
18 section 922 or State or Tribal law, the Attorney General  
19 shall, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section—

20 “(1) report to the law enforcement authorities  
21 of the State or Tribe where the person sought to ac-  
22 quire the firearm and, if different, the law enforce-  
23 ment authorities of the State or Tribe of residence  
24 of the person—

25 “(A) that the notice was provided;

1           “(B) the specific provision of law that  
2           would have been violated;

3           “(C) the date and time the notice was pro-  
4           vided;

5           “(D) the location where the firearm was  
6           sought to be acquired; and

7           “(E) the identity of the person; and

8           “(2) where practicable, report the incident to  
9           local law enforcement authorities and State and local  
10          prosecutors or Tribal prosecutors in the jurisdiction  
11          where the firearm was sought and in the jurisdiction  
12          where the person resides.

13          “(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORT.—A report is  
14          made in accordance with this subsection if the report is  
15          made within 24 hours after the provision of the notice de-  
16          scribed in subsection (a), except that the making of the  
17          report may be delayed for so long as is necessary to avoid  
18          compromising an ongoing investigation.

19          “(c) AMENDMENT OF REPORT.—If a report is made  
20          in accordance with this subsection and, after such report  
21          is made, the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Bu-  
22          reau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives deter-  
23          mines that the receipt of a firearm by a person for whom  
24          the report was made would not violate subsection (g) or  
25          (n) of section 922 or State or Tribal law, the Attorney

1 General shall, in accordance with subsection (b), notify  
2 any law enforcement authority and any prosecutor to  
3 whom the report was made of that determination.

4 “(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in sub-  
5 section (a) shall be construed to require a report with re-  
6 spect to a person to be made to the same State or Tribal  
7 authorities that originally issued the notice with respect  
8 to the person.”.

9 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
10 for chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
11 by inserting after the item relating to section 925A the  
12 following:

“925B. Reporting of background check denials to State authorities.”.

13 **SEC. 1102. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
15 States Code, as amended by section 1101, is amended by  
16 inserting after section 925B the following:

17 **“§ 925C. Annual report to Congress**

18 “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
19 of this section, and annually thereafter, the Attorney Gen-  
20 eral shall submit to Congress a report detailing the fol-  
21 lowing, broken down by Federal judicial district:

22 “(1) With respect to each category of persons  
23 prohibited by subsection (g) or (n) of section 922 or  
24 State or Tribal law from receiving or possessing a  
25 firearm who are so denied a firearm—

1           “(A) the number of denials;

2           “(B) the number of denials referred to the  
3 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Ex-  
4 plosives;

5           “(C) the number of denials for which the  
6 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Ex-  
7 plosives determines that the person denied was  
8 not prohibited by subsection (g) or (n) of sec-  
9 tion 922 or State law from receiving or pos-  
10 sessed a firearm;

11           “(D) the number of denials overturned  
12 through the national instant criminal back-  
13 ground check system appeals process and the  
14 reasons for overturning the denials;

15           “(E) the number of denials with respect to  
16 which an investigation was opened by a field di-  
17 vision of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-  
18 arms, and Explosives;

19           “(F) the number of persons charged with  
20 a Federal criminal offense in connection with a  
21 denial; and

22           “(G) the number of convictions obtained  
23 by Federal authorities in connection with a de-  
24 nial.

1           “(2) The number of background check notices  
2 reported to State or Tribal authorities pursuant to  
3 section 925B (including the number of the notices  
4 that would have been so reported but for section  
5 925B(c)).”.

6           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
7 for chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, as amended  
8 by section 1101, is amended by inserting after the item  
9 relating to section 925B the following:

“925C. Annual report to Congress.”.

10 **SEC. 1103. SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS AND**  
11 **CROSS-DEPUTIZED ATTORNEYS.**

12           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
13 States Code, as amended by section 1102, is further  
14 amended by inserting after section 925C the following:

15 **“§ 925D. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-**  
16 **deputized attorneys**

17           “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to improve the enforce-  
18 ment of paragraphs (8) and (9) of section 922(g), the At-  
19 torney General may—

20           “(1) appoint, in accordance with section 543 of  
21 title 28, qualified State, Tribal, territorial and local  
22 prosecutors and qualified attorneys working for the  
23 United States government to serve as special assist-  
24 ant United States attorneys for the purpose of pros-  
25 ecuting violations of such paragraphs; and

1           “(2) deputize State, Tribal, territorial and local  
2 law enforcement officers for the purpose of enhanc-  
3 ing the capacity of the agents of the Bureau of Alco-  
4 hol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in respond-  
5 ing to and investigating violations of such para-  
6 graphs.

7           “(b) IMPROVE INTIMATE PARTNER AND PUBLIC  
8 SAFETY.—The Attorney General shall—

9           “(1) identify not fewer than 75 jurisdictions  
10 among States, territories and Tribes where there are  
11 high rates of firearms violence and threats of fire-  
12 arms violence against intimate partners and other  
13 persons protected under paragraphs (8) and (9) of  
14 section 922(g) and where local authorities lack the  
15 resources to address such violence;

16           “(2) make such appointments as described in  
17 subsection (a) in jurisdictions where enhanced en-  
18 forcement of such paragraphs is necessary to reduce  
19 firearms homicide and injury rates; and

20           “(3) establish, in order to receive and expedite  
21 requests for assistance from State, Tribal, terri-  
22 torial, and local law enforcement agencies respond-  
23 ing to intimate partner violence cases where such  
24 agencies have probable cause to believe that the of-

1 fenders may be in violation of such paragraphs,  
2 points of contact within—

3 “(A) each Field Division of the Bureau of  
4 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;  
5 and

6 “(B) each District Office of the United  
7 States Attorneys.

8 “(c) QUALIFIED DEFINED.—For purposes of this  
9 section, the term ‘qualified’ means, with respect to an at-  
10 torney, that the attorney is a licensed attorney in good  
11 standing with any relevant licensing authority.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13 for chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, as amended  
14 by this Act, is further amended by inserting after the item  
15 relating to section 925C the following:

“925D. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.”.

16 **SEC. 1104. REVIEW ON CRIMINAL OFFENSES AFFECTING**  
17 **NATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

18 (a) NATIVE HAWAIIAN DEFINED.—In this section,  
19 the term “Native Hawaiian” has the meaning given the  
20 term in section 801 of the Native American Housing As-  
21 sistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4221).

22 (b) REVIEW OF RELEVANT FEDERAL CRIME PRE-  
23 VENTION, VICTIM SERVICE, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRO-  
24 GRAMS SERVING NATIVE HAWAIIANS.—



1           (1) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after  
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-  
3 eral shall submit a report to Congress containing the  
4 following:

5           (A) The results and findings of the com-  
6 prehensive review required to be conducted  
7 under paragraph (2).

8           (B) The amount of Federal funding re-  
9 ceived by Native Hawaiian-serving organiza-  
10 tions from relevant Federal programs, including  
11 the percentage of each such amount of funding  
12 received by Native Hawaiian-serving organiza-  
13 tions relative to the total amount of funding  
14 dispersed for each relevant Federal program.

15           (C) Recommendations and legislative pro-  
16 posals to—

17           (i) improve how relevant Federal pro-  
18 grams address the needs of Native Hawai-  
19 ians;

20           (ii) improve responses to and inves-  
21 tigation of incidences of missing or mur-  
22 dered Native Hawaiians;

23           (iii) reduce the likelihood that a Na-  
24 tive Hawaiian may become involved in the  
25 criminal justice system; and

1                   (iv) address any other relevant mat-  
2                   ters deemed necessary by the Attorney  
3                   General.

4                   (2) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.—The Attorney  
5                   General shall conduct a comprehensive review of rel-  
6                   evant Federal programs.

7                   (3) RELEVANT FEDERAL PROGRAM.—In this  
8                   subsection, the term “relevant Federal program”  
9                   means any—

10                   (A) law enforcement or other crime preven-  
11                   tion program targeting criminal offenses that  
12                   affect Native Hawaiians, including child sexual  
13                   exploitation, child abuse, intimate partner vio-  
14                   lence, human trafficking, missing or murdered  
15                   individuals, and substance abuse;

16                   (B) any program that provide services to  
17                   victims of criminal offenses affecting Native  
18                   Hawaiians, including child sexual exploitation,  
19                   child abuse, intimate partner violence, human  
20                   trafficking, and substance abuse; and

21                   (C) any criminal justice system program or  
22                   service available to and used by Native Hawai-  
23                   ians in various jurisdictions, including diversion  
24                   programs, in-prison education programs, and  
25                   reentry services.

1 (c) REPORT ON NATIVE HAWAIIANS IN THE CRIMI-  
2 NAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney  
5 General, acting through the National Institute of  
6 Justice, in coordination with the Bureau of Justice  
7 Statistics, shall prepare a report on the interaction  
8 of Native Hawaiians with the criminal justice sys-  
9 tem.

10 (2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report re-  
11 quired under this subsection shall include—

12 (A) known statistics related to the percent-  
13 age of persons who are Native Hawaiians out of  
14 the total of—

15 (i) all persons arrested;

16 (ii) all persons detained in Federal,  
17 State, and local jails;

18 (iii) all persons subject to pretrial su-  
19 pervision;

20 (iv) all persons subject to post-convie-  
21 tion supervision;

22 (v) all persons incarcerated in Federal  
23 and State prisons; and

24 (vi) all persons subject to post-release  
25 supervision;

1 (B) an explanation of why the statistics de-  
 2 scribed in subparagraph (A) may not be com-  
 3 prehensive;

4 (C) recommendations on how data collec-  
 5 tion related to the statistics described in sub-  
 6 paragraph (A) could be improved;

7 (D) a description of any culturally relevant  
 8 programs available to Native Hawaiians who  
 9 interact with the Federal criminal justice sys-  
 10 tem; and

11 (E) a summary of any available data on  
 12 the number of Native Hawaiians who are incar-  
 13 cerated and placed in Federal and private cor-  
 14 rectional facilities more than 200 miles from  
 15 their place of residence.

16 **TITLE XII—CLOSING THE LAW**  
 17 **ENFORCEMENT CONSENT**  
 18 **LOOPHOLE**

19 **SEC. 1201. SHORT TITLE.**

20 This title may be cited as the “Closing the Law En-  
 21 forcement Consent Loophole Act of 2022”.

22 **SEC. 1202. PENALTIES FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OFFENSES IN-**  
 23 **VOLVING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.**

24 (a) AMENDMENT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 18,  
2           United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
3           end the following:

4   **“§ 250. Penalties for civil rights offenses involving**  
5                           **sexual misconduct**

6           “(a) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful for any person  
7           to, in the course of committing an offense under this chap-  
8           ter or under section 901 of the Fair Housing Act (42  
9           U.S.C. 3631), engage in, or cause another to engage in,  
10          sexual misconduct.

11          “(b) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates sub-  
12          section (a) shall be—

13                 “(1) in the case of an offense involving aggra-  
14          vated sexual abuse, as defined in section 2241, or if  
15          the offense involved sexual abuse, as defined in sec-  
16          tion 2242, or if the offense involved an attempt to  
17          commit such aggravated sexual abuse or sexual  
18          abuse, fined under this title and imprisoned for any  
19          term of years or for life;

20                 “(2) in the case of an offense involving abusive  
21          sexual contact of a child who has not attained the  
22          age of 16, of the type prohibited by section  
23          2244(a)(5), fined under this title and imprisoned for  
24          any term of years or for life;

1           “(3) in the case of an offense involving a sexual  
2 act, as defined in section 2246, with another person  
3 without the other person’s permission, and it does  
4 not amount to sexual abuse or aggravated sexual  
5 abuse, be fined under this title and imprisoned for  
6 not more than 40 years;

7           “(4) in the case of an offense involving abusive  
8 sexual contact of the type prohibited by subsection  
9 (a)(1) or (b) of section 2244, but excluding abusive  
10 sexual contact through the clothing—

11                 “(A) fined under this title and imprisoned  
12 for not more than 10 years; and

13                 “(B) if the offense involves a child who has  
14 not attained the age of 12 years, imprisoned for  
15 not more than 30 years;

16           “(5) in the case of an offense involving abusive  
17 sexual contact of the type prohibited by section  
18 2244(a)(2)—

19                 “(A) fined under this title and imprisoned  
20 for not more than 3 years; and

21                 “(B) if the offense involves a child under  
22 the age of 12, imprisoned for not more than 20  
23 years; and

24           “(6) in the case of an offense involving abusive  
25 sexual contact through the clothing of the type pro-

1       hibited by subsection (a)(3), (a)(4), or (b) of section  
2       2244—

3               “(A) fined under this title and imprisoned  
4               for not more than 2 years; and

5               “(B) if the offense involves a child under  
6               the age of 12, imprisoned for not more than 10  
7               years.”.

8               (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
9       MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 13 of title  
10       18, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
11       after the item relating to section 249 the following:

“250. Penalties for civil rights offenses involving sexual misconduct.”.

12       (b) SEXUAL ABUSE.—Section 2242 of title 18,  
13       United States Code, is amended—

14               (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the  
15       end;

16               (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “or” after  
17       the semicolon; and

18               (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
19       lowing:

20               “(3) engages in a sexual act with another per-  
21       son without that other person’s consent, to include  
22       doing so through coercion;”.

23       (c) SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR, A WARD, OR AN  
24       INDIVIDUAL IN FEDERAL CUSTODY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2243 of title 18,  
2 United States Code, is amended—

3           (A) by striking the section heading and in-  
4 sserting “**Sexual abuse of a minor, a**  
5 **ward, or an individual in Federal cus-**  
6 **tody**”;

7           (B) by redesignating subsections (c) and  
8 (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

9           (C) by adding after subsection (b) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11       “(c) OF AN INDIVIDUAL IN FEDERAL CUSTODY.—

12 Whoever, while acting in their capacity as a Federal law  
13 enforcement officer, knowingly engages in a sexual act  
14 with an individual who is under arrest, under supervision,  
15 in detention, or in Federal custody, shall be fined under  
16 this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.”.

17           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
18 tions for chapter 109A of title 18, United States  
19 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to  
20 section 2243 and inserting the following:

“2243. Sexual abuse of a minor, a ward, or an individual in Federal custody.”.

21       (d) ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT.—Section 2244(a) of  
22 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

23           (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “or” at the  
24 end;



1           (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at  
2           the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

4           “(6) subsection (c) of section 2243 of this title  
5           had the sexual contact been a sexual act, shall be  
6           fined under this title, imprisoned not more than two  
7           years, or both;”;

8           (e) DEFINITION.—Section 2246 of title 18, United  
9           States Code, is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the  
11           end;

12           (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at  
13           the end and inserting “; and”; and

14           (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
15           lowing:

16           “(7) the term ‘Federal law enforcement officer’  
17           has the meaning given the term in section 115.”.

18           **SEC. 1203. INCENTIVES FOR STATES.**

19           (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Attorney  
20           General is authorized to make grants to States that have  
21           in effect a law that—

22           (1) makes it a criminal offense for any person  
23           acting under color of law of the State to knowingly  
24           engage in a sexual act with an individual who is

1 under arrest, in detention, or otherwise in the actual  
2 custody of any law enforcement officer; and

3 (2) prohibits a person charged with an offense  
4 described in paragraph (1) from asserting the con-  
5 sent of the other individual as a defense.

6 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—A State that re-  
7 ceives a grant under this section shall submit to the Attor-  
8 ney General, on an annual basis, information on—

9 (1) the number of reports made to law enforce-  
10 ment agencies in that State regarding persons en-  
11 gaging in a sexual act while acting under color of  
12 law during the previous year; and

13 (2) the disposition of each case in which sexual  
14 misconduct by a person acting under color of law  
15 was reported during the previous year.

16 (c) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under  
17 this section shall submit an application to the Attorney  
18 General at such time, in such manner, and containing  
19 such information as the Attorney General may reasonably  
20 require, including information about the law described in  
21 subsection (a).

22 (d) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a  
23 State under this section shall be in an amount that is not  
24 greater than 10 percent of the average of the total amount

1 of funding of the 3 most recent awards that the State re-  
2 ceived under the following grant programs:

3 (1) Part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-  
4 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10441  
5 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the “STOP Vio-  
6 lence Against Women Formula Grant Program”).

7 (2) Section 41601 of the Violence Against  
8 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511) (commonly  
9 referred to as the “Sexual Assault Services Pro-  
10 gram”).

11 (e) GRANT TERM.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
13 provide an increase in the amount provided to a  
14 State under the grant programs described in sub-  
15 section (d) for a 2-year period.

16 (2) RENEWAL.—A State that receives a grant  
17 under this section may submit an application for a  
18 renewal of such grant at such time, in such manner,  
19 and containing such information as the Attorney  
20 General may reasonably require.

21 (3) LIMIT.—A State may not receive a grant  
22 under this section for more than 4 years.

23 (f) USES OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant  
24 under this section shall use—

1           (1) 25 percent of such funds for any of the per-  
2           missible uses of funds under the grant program de-  
3           scribed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d); and

4           (2) 75 percent of such funds for any of the per-  
5           missible uses of funds under the grant program de-  
6           scribed in paragraph (2) of subsection (d).

7           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
8           are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
9           \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

10          (h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
11          term “State” means each of the several States and the  
12          District of Columbia, Indian Tribes, and the Common-  
13          wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Vir-  
14          gin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

15          **SEC. 1204. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

16          (a) REPORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not later  
17          than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and  
18          each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit  
19          to Congress and make publicly available on the Depart-  
20          ment of Justice website a report containing—

21                 (1) the information required to be reported to  
22                 the Attorney General under section 1203(b); and

23                 (2) information on—

24                         (A) the number of reports made, during  
25                         the previous year, to Federal law enforcement

1 agencies regarding persons engaging in a sexual  
2 act while acting under color of law; and

3 (B) the disposition of each case in which  
4 sexual misconduct by a person acting under  
5 color of law was reported.

6 (b) REPORT BY GAO.—Not later than 1 year after  
7 the date of enactment of this Act, and each year there-  
8 after, the Comptroller General of the United States shall  
9 submit to Congress a report on any violations of section  
10 2243(c) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by  
11 section 1302, committed during the 1-year period covered  
12 by the report.

13 (c) REPORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ON CONFLICTS  
14 BETWEEN STATE’S MARRIAGE-AGE AND AGE-BASED SEX  
15 OFFENSES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-  
16 ment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Attorney  
17 General shall submit to Congress a report that examines  
18 inconsistencies between State laws on marriage-age and  
19 State laws on age-based sex offenses and, in particular,  
20 States with laws that—

21 (1) provide an exception to definitions of age-  
22 based sex offenses (including statutory rape), or a  
23 defense to prosecution for such offenses, based on  
24 the marriage of the perpetrator to the victim; or

1           (2) allow marriages between parties at ages, or  
 2           with age differences between them, such that sexual  
 3           acts between those parties outside of marriage would  
 4           constitute an age-based sex offense (including statu-  
 5           tory rape).

6 **SEC. 1205. DEFINITION.**

7           In this title, the term “sexual act” has the meaning  
 8           given the term in section 2246 of title 18, United States  
 9           Code.

10           **TITLE XIII—OTHER MATTERS**

11 **SEC. 1301. NATIONAL STALKER AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

12                           **REDUCTION.**

13           Section 40603 of the Violence Against Women Act  
 14           of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12402) is amended by striking “2014  
 15           through 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

16 **SEC. 1302. FEDERAL VICTIM AND WITNESS COORDINATORS**

17                           **REAUTHORIZATION.**

18           Section 40114 of the Violence Against Women Act  
 19           of 1994 (Public Law 103–322; 108 Stat. 1910) is amend-  
 20           ed to read as follows:

21 **“SEC. 40114. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL VICTIM AND**

22                           **WITNESS COORDINATORS.**

23           “There are authorized to be appropriated for the  
 24           United States attorneys for the purpose of appointing vic-  
 25           tim and witness coordinators for the prosecution of sex

1 crimes and domestic violence crimes where applicable  
2 (such as the District of Columbia), \$1,000,000 for each  
3 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

4 **SEC. 1303. CHILD ABUSE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JUDI-**  
5 **CIAL PERSONNEL AND PRACTITIONERS RE-**  
6 **AUTHORIZATION.**

7 Section 224(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34  
8 U.S.C. 20334(a)) is amended by striking “subtitle” and  
9 all that follows and inserting “subtitle \$2,300,000 for each  
10 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027”.

11 **SEC. 1304. SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT.**

12 Section 40152(e) of the Violent Crime Control and  
13 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12311(c)) is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
17 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

18 **SEC. 1305. COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PRO-**  
19 **GRAM.**

20 Section 219(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34  
21 U.S.C. 20324(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through  
22 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

1 **SEC. 1306. REVIEW OF LINK BETWEEN SUBSTANCE USE**  
2 **AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAT-**  
3 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALK-**  
4 **ING.**

5 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
6 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
7 shall complete a review and submit to Congress a report  
8 on whether being a victim of domestic violence, dating vio-  
9 lence, sexual assault, or stalking increases the likelihood  
10 of having a substance use disorder.

11 **SEC. 1307. 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 enactment of this Act, the Attorney General  
16 shall establish an interagency working group to study Fed-  
17 eral efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make  
18 recommendations on the harmonization of such efforts.

19 (b) **COMPOSITION.**—The Working Group shall be  
20 comprised of at least one representative from each of the  
21 following agencies, who shall be selected by the head of  
22 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 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, if any, for congressional  
10 action to implement the recommendations described  
11 in 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           (3) WORKING GROUP.—The term “Working  
2           Group” means the interagency working group estab-  
3           lished under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 1308. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON WORKPLACE**  
5                           **RESPONSES TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMES-**  
6                           **TIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE FOR**  
7                           **MICROBUSINESSES.**

8           Section 41501(b) of the Violence Against Women Act  
9 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12501(b)) is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (2)—

11                   (A) by striking “companies and public en-  
12                   tities” and inserting “companies, public enti-  
13                   ties”; and

14                   (B) by inserting “, and employers with  
15                   fewer than 20 employees” after “State and  
16                   local governments”; and

17           (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the pe-  
18           riod at the end the following: “, which materials  
19           shall include a website with resources for employers  
20           with fewer than 20 employees, including live training  
21           materials”.

22 **SEC. 1309. CIVIL ACTION RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF IN-**  
23                           **TIMATE IMAGES.**

24           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) COMMERCIAL PORNOGRAPHIC CONTENT.—  
2           The term “commercial pornographic content” means  
3           any material that is subject to the record keeping re-  
4           quirements under section 2257 of title 18, United  
5           States Code.

6           (2) CONSENT.—The term “consent” means an  
7           affirmative, conscious, and voluntary authorization  
8           made by the individual free from force, fraud, mis-  
9           representation, or coercion.

10          (3) DEPICTED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “de-  
11          picted individual” means an individual whose body  
12          appears in whole or in part in an intimate visual de-  
13          piction and who is identifiable by virtue of the per-  
14          son’s face, likeness, or other distinguishing char-  
15          acteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other rec-  
16          ognizable feature, or from information displayed in  
17          connection with the visual depiction.

18          (4) DISCLOSE.—The term “disclose” means to  
19          transfer, publish, distribute, or make accessible.

20          (5) INTIMATE VISUAL DEPICTION.—The term  
21          “intimate visual depiction”—

22                 (A) means a visual depiction, as that term  
23                 is defined in section 2256(5) of title 18, United  
24                 States Code, that depicts—

1 (i) the uncovered genitals, pubic area,  
2 anus, or post-pubescent female nipple of an  
3 identifiable individual; or

4 (ii) the display or transfer of bodily  
5 sexual fluids—

6 (I) on to any part of the body of  
7 an identifiable individual;

8 (II) from the body of an identifi-  
9 able individual; or

10 (III) an identifiable individual  
11 engaging in sexually explicit conduct  
12 and

13 (B) includes any visual depictions de-  
14 scribed in subparagraph (A) produced while the  
15 identifiable individual was in a public place only  
16 if the individual did not—

17 (i) voluntarily display the content de-  
18 picted; or

19 (ii) consent to the sexual conduct de-  
20 picted.

21 (6) SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT.—The term  
22 “sexually explicit conduct” has the meaning given  
23 the term in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
24 2256(2) of title 18, United States Code.

25 (b) CIVIL ACTION.—

## 1 (1) RIGHT OF ACTION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
3 paragraph (4), an individual whose intimate vis-  
4 ual depiction is disclosed, in or affecting inter-  
5 state or foreign commerce or using any means  
6 or facility of interstate or foreign commerce,  
7 without the consent of the individual, where  
8 such disclosure was made by a person who  
9 knows that, or recklessly disregards whether,  
10 the individual has not consented to such disclo-  
11 sure, may bring a civil action against that per-  
12 son in an appropriate district court of the  
13 United States for relief as set forth in para-  
14 graph (3).

15 (B) RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN INDI-  
16 VIDUALS.—In the case of an individual who is  
17 under 18 years of age, incompetent, incapaci-  
18 tated, or deceased, the legal guardian of the in-  
19 dividual or representative of the identifiable in-  
20 dividual's estate, another family member, or  
21 any other person appointed as suitable by the  
22 court, may assume the identifiable individual's'  
23 rights under this section, but in no event shall  
24 the defendant be named as such representative  
25 or guardian.

1           (2) CONSENT.—For purposes of an action  
2 under paragraph (1)—

3           (A) the fact that the individual consented  
4 to the creation of the depiction shall not estab-  
5 lish that the person consented to its distribu-  
6 tion; and

7           (B) the fact that the individual disclosed  
8 the intimate visual depiction to someone else  
9 shall not establish that the person consented to  
10 the further disclosure of the intimate visual de-  
11 piction by the person alleged to have violated  
12 paragraph (1).

13           (3) RELIEF.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—In a civil action filed  
15 under this section—

16           (i) an individual may recover the ac-  
17 tual damages sustained by the individual  
18 or liquidated damages in the amount of  
19 \$150,000, and the cost of the action, in-  
20 cluding reasonable attorney’s fees and  
21 other litigation costs reasonably incurred;  
22 and

23           (ii) the court may, in addition to any  
24 other relief available at law, order equi-  
25 table relief, including a temporary restrain-

1           ing order, a preliminary injunction, or a  
2           permanent injunction ordering the defend-  
3           ant to cease display or disclosure of the  
4           visual depiction.

5           (B) PRESERVATION OF ANONYMITY.—In  
6           ordering relief under subparagraph (A), the  
7           court may grant injunctive relief maintaining  
8           the confidentiality of a plaintiff using a pseu-  
9           donym.

10          (4) EXCEPTIONS.—An identifiable individual  
11          may not bring an action for relief under this section  
12          relating to—

13                (A) an intimate image that is commercial  
14                pornographic content, unless that content was  
15                produced by force, fraud, misrepresentation, or  
16                coercion of the depicted individual;

17                (B) a disclosure made in good faith—

18                   (i) to a law enforcement officer or  
19                   agency;

20                   (ii) as part of a legal proceeding;

21                   (iii) as part of medical education, di-  
22                   agnosis, or treatment; or

23                   (iv) in the reporting or investigation  
24                   of—

25                        (I) unlawful content; or



1 (II) unsolicited or unwelcome  
2 conduct;

3 (C) a matter of public concern or public in-  
4 terest; or

5 (D) a disclosure reasonably intended to as-  
6 sist the identifiable individual.

7 **SEC. 1310. CHOOSE RESPECT ACT.**

8 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
9 “Choose Respect Act”.

10 (b) **DESIGNATION.**—

11 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 1 of title 36, United  
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
13 following:

14 **“§ 146. Choose Respect Day**

15 “(a) **DESIGNATION.**—October 1 is Choose Respect  
16 Day.

17 “(b) **RECOGNITION.**—All private citizens, organiza-  
18 tions, and Federal, State, and local governmental and leg-  
19 islative entities are encouraged to recognize Choose Re-  
20 spect Day through proclamations, activities, and edu-  
21 cational efforts in furtherance of changing the culture  
22 around the tolerance of violence against women.”.

23 (2) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-**  
24 **MENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title

1       36, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
2       the end the following:

“146. Choose Respect Day.”.

3       (c) MEDIA CAMPAIGN.—

4           (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

5               (A) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director”  
6               means the Director of the Office on Violence  
7               Against Women.

8               (B) NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.—The  
9               term “national media campaign” means the na-  
10              tional “Choose Respect” media campaign de-  
11              scribed in paragraph (2).

12           (2) MEDIA CAMPAIGN.—The Director shall, to  
13           the extent feasible and appropriate, conduct a na-  
14           tional “Choose Respect” media campaign in accord-  
15           ance with this section for the purposes of—

16               (A) preventing and discouraging violence  
17               against women, including domestic violence,  
18               dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by  
19               targeting the attitudes, perceptions, and beliefs  
20               of individuals who have or are likely to commit  
21               such crimes;

22               (B) encouraging victims of the crimes de-  
23               scribed in subparagraph (A) to seek help  
24               through the means determined to be most effec-

1           tive by the most current evidence available, in-  
2           cluding seeking legal representation; and

3           (C) informing the public about the help  
4           available to victims of the crimes described in  
5           subparagraph (A).

6           (3) USE OF FUNDS.—

7           (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts made avail-  
8           able to carry out this section for the national  
9           media campaign may only be used for the fol-  
10          lowing:

11           (i) The purchase of media time and  
12           space, including the strategic planning for,  
13           tracking, and accounting of, such pur-  
14           chases.

15           (ii) Creative and talent costs, con-  
16           sistent with subparagraph (B).

17           (iii) Advertising production costs,  
18           which may include television, radio, inter-  
19           net, social media, and other commercial  
20           marketing venues.

21           (iv) Testing and evaluation of adver-  
22           tising.

23           (v) Evaluation of the effectiveness of  
24           the national media campaign.

1 (vi) Costs of contracts to carry out ac-  
2 tivities authorized by this subsection.

3 (vii) Partnerships with professional  
4 and civic groups, community-based organi-  
5 zations, including faith-based organizations  
6 and culturally specific organizations, and  
7 government organizations related to the  
8 national media campaign.

9 (viii) Entertainment industry out-  
10 reach, interactive outreach, media projects  
11 and activities, public information, news  
12 media outreach, corporate sponsorship and  
13 participation, and professional sports asso-  
14 ciations and military branch participation.

15 (ix) Operational and management ex-  
16 penses.

17 (B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (i) CREATIVE SERVICES.—In using  
19 amounts for creative and talent costs  
20 under subparagraph (A), the Director shall  
21 use creative services donated at no cost to  
22 the Government wherever feasible and may  
23 only procure creative services for adver-  
24 tising—

1 (I) responding to high-priority or  
2 emergent campaign needs that cannot  
3 timely be obtained at no cost; or

4 (II) intended to reach a minority,  
5 ethnic, or other special audience that  
6 cannot reasonably be obtained at no  
7 cost.

8 (ii) TESTING AND EVALUATION OF  
9 ADVERTISING.—In using amounts for test-  
10 ing and evaluation of advertising under  
11 subparagraph (A)(iv), the Director shall  
12 test all advertisements prior to use in the  
13 national media campaign to ensure that  
14 the advertisements are effective with the  
15 target audience and meet industry-accept-  
16 ed standards. The Director may waive this  
17 requirement for advertisements using not  
18 more than 10 percent of the purchase of  
19 advertising time purchased under this sec-  
20 tion in a fiscal year and not more than 10  
21 percent of the advertising space purchased  
22 under this section in a fiscal year, if the  
23 advertisements respond to emergent and  
24 time-sensitive campaign needs or the ad-

1           vertisements will not be widely utilized in  
2           the national media campaign.

3           (iii) CONSULTATION.—For the plan-  
4           ning of the campaign under paragraph (2),  
5           the Director may consult with—

6                   (I) the Office for Victims of  
7                   Crime, the Administration on Chil-  
8                   dren, Youth and Families, and other  
9                   related Federal Government entities;

10                   (II) State, local, and Indian Trib-  
11                   al governments;

12                   (III) the prevention of domestic  
13                   violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
14                   sault, or stalking, including national  
15                   and local non-profits; and

16                   (IV) communications profes-  
17                   sionals.

18           (iv) EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS  
19           OF NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.—In using  
20           amounts for the evaluation of the effective-  
21           ness of the national media campaign under  
22           subparagraph (A)(v), the Attorney General  
23           shall—

24                   (I) designate an independent en-  
25                   tity to evaluate by April 20 of each

1 year the effectiveness of the national  
2 media campaign based on data from  
3 any relevant studies or publications,  
4 as determined by the Attorney Gen-  
5 eral, including tracking and evaluation  
6 data collected according to marketing  
7 and advertising industry standards;  
8 and

9 (II) ensure that the effectiveness  
10 of the national media campaign is  
11 evaluated in a manner that enables  
12 consideration of whether the national  
13 media campaign has contributed to  
14 changes in attitude or behaviors  
15 among the target audience with re-  
16 spect to violence against women and  
17 such other measures of evaluation as  
18 the Attorney General determines are  
19 appropriate.

20 (4) ADVERTISING.—In carrying out this sub-  
21 section, the Director shall ensure that sufficient  
22 funds are allocated to meet the stated goals of the  
23 national media campaign.

24 (5) RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER  
25 THE PROGRAM.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall de-  
2 termine the overall purposes and strategy of the  
3 national media campaign.

4 (B) DIRECTOR.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall  
6 approve—

7 (I) the strategy of the national  
8 media campaign;

9 (II) all advertising and pro-  
10 motional material used in the national  
11 media campaign; and

12 (III) the plan for the purchase of  
13 advertising time and space for the na-  
14 tional media campaign.

15 (ii) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director  
16 shall be responsible for implementing a fo-  
17 cused national media campaign to meet the  
18 purposes described in paragraph (2) and  
19 shall ensure—

20 (I) information disseminated  
21 through the campaign is accurate and  
22 scientifically valid; and

23 (II) the campaign is designed  
24 using strategies demonstrated to be  
25 the most effective at achieving the



1 goals and requirements of paragraph  
2 (2), which may include—

3 (aa) a media campaign, as  
4 described in paragraph (3);

5 (bb) local, regional, or popu-  
6 lation specific messaging;

7 (cc) the development of  
8 websites to publicize and dissemi-  
9 nate information;

10 (dd) conducting outreach  
11 and providing educational re-  
12 sources for women;

13 (ee) collaborating with law  
14 enforcement agencies; and

15 (ff) providing support for  
16 school-based public health edu-  
17 cation classes to improve teen  
18 knowledge about the effects of vi-  
19 olence against women.

20 (6) PROHIBITIONS.—None of the amounts  
21 made available under paragraph (3) may be obli-  
22 gated or expended for any of the following:

23 (A) To supplant current antiviolence  
24 against women campaigns by community-based  
25 coalitions.

1           (B) To supplant pro bono public service  
2 time donated by national and local broadcasting  
3 networks for other public service campaigns.

4           (C) For partisan political purposes, or to  
5 express advocacy in support of or to defeat any  
6 clearly identified candidate, clearly identified  
7 ballot initiative, or clearly identified legislative  
8 or regulatory proposal.

9           (D) To fund advertising that features any  
10 elected officials, persons seeking elected office,  
11 cabinet level officials, or other Federal officials  
12 employed pursuant to schedule C of subpart C  
13 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

14           (E) To fund advertising that does not con-  
15 tain a primary message intended to reduce or  
16 prevent violence against women.

17           (F) To fund advertising containing a pri-  
18 mary message intended to promote support for  
19 the national media campaign or private sector  
20 contributions to the national media campaign.

21           (7) FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE ACCOUNT-  
22 ABILITY.—The Director shall cause to be per-  
23 formed—

1 (A) audits and reviews of costs of the na-  
2 tional media campaign pursuant to section  
3 4706 of title 41, United States Code; and

4 (B) an audit to determine whether the  
5 costs of the national media campaign are allow-  
6 able under chapter 43 of title 41, United States  
7 Code.

8 (8) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director shall  
9 submit on an annual basis a report to Congress that  
10 describes—

11 (A) the strategy of the national media  
12 campaign and whether specific objectives of the  
13 national media campaign were accomplished;

14 (B) steps taken to ensure that the national  
15 media campaign operates in an effective and ef-  
16 ficient manner consistent with the overall strat-  
17 egy and focus of the national media campaign;

18 (C) plans to purchase advertising time and  
19 space;

20 (D) policies and practices implemented to  
21 ensure that Federal funds are used responsibly  
22 to purchase advertising time and space and  
23 eliminate the potential for waste, fraud, and  
24 abuse;

1           (E) all contracts entered into with a cor-  
2           poration, partnership, or individual working on  
3           behalf of the national media campaign;

4           (F) the results of any financial audit of the  
5           national media campaign;

6           (G) a description of any evidence used to  
7           develop the national media campaign;

8           (H) specific policies and steps implemented  
9           to ensure compliance with this subsection;

10          (I) a detailed accounting of the amount of  
11          funds obligated during the previous fiscal year  
12          for carrying out the national media campaign,  
13          including each recipient of funds, the purpose  
14          of each expenditure, the amount of each ex-  
15          penditure, any available outcome information,  
16          and any other information necessary to provide  
17          a complete accounting of the funds expended;  
18          and

19          (J) a review and evaluation of the effec-  
20          tiveness of the national media campaign strat-  
21          egy for the previous year.

22          (9) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23          There are authorized to be appropriated to the Di-  
24          rector to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each

1 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, to remain avail-  
2 able until expended.

3 **SEC. 1311. TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO VICTIMS OF CRIME**  
4 **ACT.**

5 Section 1403(a)(1) of the Victims of Crime Act of  
6 1984 (34 U.S.C. 20102(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
7 “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”.

8 **SEC. 1312. ELIMINATING THE MARRIAGE DEFENSE TO**  
9 **STATUTORY RAPE.**

10 Section 2243(c) of title 18, United States Code, is  
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1) In a”  
13 and inserting “In a”; and

14 (2) by striking paragraph (2).

15 **SEC. 1313. DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ON**  
16 **CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES WITH-**  
17 **IN THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT; DUTIES.—There shall be a  
19 Deputy Assistant Attorney General on Culturally Specific  
20 Communities within the Office of Justice Programs who  
21 shall, under the guidance and authority of the Director  
22 of the Office of Justice Programs—

23 (1) advise on the administration of grants re-  
24 lated to culturally specific (as defined in section  
25 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of

1 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a))) services and contracts  
2 with culturally specific organizations;

3 (2) coordinate development of Federal policy,  
4 protocols, and guidelines on matters relating to do-  
5 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
6 stalking (as those terms are defined in section  
7 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of  
8 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)), in culturally specific  
9 communities;

10 (3) advise the Assistant Attorney General for  
11 the Office of Justice Programs concerning policies,  
12 legislation, implementation of laws, and other issues  
13 relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
14 assault, and stalking in culturally specific commu-  
15 nities;

16 (4) provide technical assistance, coordination,  
17 and support to other offices and bureaus in the De-  
18 partment of Justice to develop policy and to enforce  
19 Federal laws relating to domestic violence, dating vi-  
20 olence, sexual assault, and stalking in culturally spe-  
21 cific communities;

22 (5) ensure that appropriate technical assistance,  
23 developed and provided by entities having expertise  
24 in culturally specific communities, is made available

1 to grantees and potential grantees proposing to serve  
2 culturally specific communities; and

3 (6) ensure access to grants and technical assist-  
4 ance for culturally specific organizations and analyze  
5 the distribution of funding in order to identify bar-  
6 riers for culturally specific organizations.

7 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Deputy Assistant Attor-  
8 ney General on Culturally Specific Communities shall be  
9 an individual with—

10 (1) personal, lived, and work experience from a  
11 culturally specific community; and

12 (2) a demonstrated history of and expertise in  
13 addressing domestic violence or sexual assault in a  
14 nongovernmental agency.

15 (c) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 120 days  
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of  
17 the Office of Justice Programs shall appoint an individual  
18 as Deputy Assistant Attorney General on Culturally Spe-  
19 cific Communities.

20 **SEC. 1314. TASK FORCE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN EDU-**  
21 **CATION.**

22 (a) TASK FORCE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN EDU-  
23 CATION.—Not later than September 1, 2022, the Sec-  
24 retary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human  
25 Services, and the Attorney General shall establish a joint

1 interagency task force to be known as the “Task Force  
2 on Sexual Violence in Education” that shall—

3           (1) provide pertinent information to the Sec-  
4           retary of Education, the Attorney General, Congress,  
5           and the public with respect to campus sexual vio-  
6           lence prevention, investigations, and responses, in-  
7           cluding the creation of consistent, public complaint  
8           processes for violations of title IX of the Education  
9           Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and  
10          section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
11          (20 U.S.C. 1092(f));

12          (2) provide recommendations to educational in-  
13          stitutions for establishing sexual assault prevention  
14          and response teams;

15          (3) develop recommendations for educational in-  
16          stitutions on providing survivor resources, including  
17          health care, sexual assault kits, sexual assault nurse  
18          examiners, culturally responsive and inclusive stand-  
19          ards of care, trauma-informed services, and access to  
20          confidential advocacy and support services;

21          (4) develop recommendations in conjunction  
22          with student groups for best practices for responses  
23          to and prevention of sexual violence and dating vio-  
24          lence for educational institutions, taking into consid-  
25          eration an institution’s size and resources;



1           (5) develop recommendations for educational in-  
2           stitutions on sex education, as appropriate, training  
3           for school staff, and various equitable discipline  
4           models;

5           (6) develop recommendations on culturally re-  
6           sponsive and inclusive approaches to supporting sur-  
7           vivors, which include consideration of race, ethnicity,  
8           national origin, religion, immigrant status, lesbian,  
9           gay, bisexual, or transgender (commonly referred to  
10          as “LGBT”) status, ability, disability, socio-eco-  
11          nomic status, exposure to trauma, and other  
12          compounding factors;

13          (7) solicit periodic input from a diverse group  
14          of survivors, trauma specialists, advocates from na-  
15          tional, State, and local anti-sexual violence advocacy  
16          organizations, institutions of higher education, and  
17          other public stakeholders;

18          (8) assess the Department of Education’s abil-  
19          ity under section 902 of the Education Amendments  
20          of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1682) to levy intermediate fines  
21          for noncompliance with title IX of the Education  
22          Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and  
23          the advisability of additional remedies for such non-  
24          compliance, in addition to the remedies already  
25          available under Federal law; and

1           (9) create a plan described in subsection (c).

2           (b) PERSONNEL DETAILS.—

3           (1) AUTHORITY TO DETAIL.—Notwithstanding  
4 any other provision of law, the head of a component  
5 of any Federal agency for which appropriations are  
6 authorized under the Violence Against Women Act  
7 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 13925 et seq.), or any amend-  
8 ments made by that Act, may detail an officer or  
9 employee of such component to the Task Force on  
10 Sexual Violence in Education or to the Secretary of  
11 Education to assist the Task Force with the duties  
12 described in subsection (a), as jointly agreed to by  
13 the head of such component and the Task Force.

14           (2) TERMS OF DETAIL.—A personnel detail  
15 made under paragraph (1) may be made—

16                   (A) for a period of not more than 3 years;

17                   and

18                   (B) on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable  
19 basis.

20           (c) ADDITIONAL PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after  
21 the date on which the Task Force on Sexual Violence in  
22 Education is established under subsection (a), the Task  
23 Force shall submit to Congress recommendations for re-  
24 cruiting, retaining, and training a highly-qualified work-  
25 force employed by the Department of Education to carry

1 out investigation of complaints alleging a violation of title  
2 IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.  
3 1681 et seq.) or section 485(f) of the Higher Education  
4 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)), and enforcement of such  
5 title IX (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) or such section 485(f)  
6 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)), with respect to sexual violence in  
7 education, which shall include—

8           (1) an assessment to identify gaps or challenges  
9           in carrying out such investigation and enforcement,  
10           which may include surveying the current investiga-  
11           tive workforce to solicit feedback on areas in need of  
12           improvement;

13           (2) an examination of issues of recruiting, re-  
14           tention, and the professional development of the cur-  
15           rent investigative workforce, including the possibility  
16           of providing retention bonuses or other forms of  
17           compensation for the purpose of ensuring the De-  
18           partment of Education has the capacity, in both per-  
19           sonnel and skills, needed to properly perform its  
20           mission and provide adequate oversight of edu-  
21           cational institutions;

22           (3) an assessment of the benefits of outreach  
23           and training with both law enforcement agencies and  
24           educational institutions with respect to such work-  
25           force;

1           (4) an examination of best practices for making  
2 educational institutions aware of the most effective  
3 campus sexual violence prevention, investigation, and  
4 response practices and identifying areas where more  
5 research should be conducted; and

6           (5) strategies for addressing such other matters  
7 as the Secretary of Education considers necessary to  
8 sexual violence prevention, investigation, and re-  
9 sponses.

10       (d) ANNUAL REPORTING.—The Task Force on Sex-  
11 ual Violence in Education shall submit to Congress, and  
12 make publicly available, an annual report of its activities  
13 and any update of the plan required under subsection (c),  
14 including—

15           (1) the number of complaints received regard-  
16 ing sexual violence at educational institutions;

17           (2) the number of open investigations of sexual  
18 violence at educational institutions;

19           (3) the number of such complaints that contin-  
20 ued to resolution;

21           (4) the number of such complaints resolved  
22 using informal resolution;

23           (5) the average time to complete such an inves-  
24 tigation;

1           (6) the number of such investigations initiated  
2 based on complaints; and

3           (7) the number of such investigations initiated  
4 by the Department of Education.

5 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           (1) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—The term  
7 “educational institution” includes an institution of  
8 higher education, an elementary school, or a sec-  
9 ondary school.

10           (2) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; SECONDARY  
11 SCHOOL.—The terms “elementary school” and “sec-  
12 ondary school” have the meanings given the terms  
13 in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary  
14 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

15           (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
16 term “institution of higher education” has the  
17 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher  
18 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

19 **SEC. 1315. BREE’S LAW.**

20           (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as  
21 “Bree’s Law”.

22           (b) TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION.—Section  
23 1708 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-  
24 7) is amended—

1           (1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
2 following:

3           “(c) CERTAIN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection  
5 (b)(3), the Secretary may make grants to carry out  
6 demonstration projects for the purpose of improving  
7 adolescent health, including—

8           “(A) projects to train health care providers  
9 in providing services to adolescents; and

10           “(B) projects to reduce the incidence of vi-  
11 olence among adolescents, particularly violence  
12 related to teen dating, which shall include  
13 projects to develop and implement educational  
14 program to increase abuse awareness and pre-  
15 vention.

16           “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
17 For the purpose of carrying out paragraph (1), there  
18 are authorized to be appropriated \$8,000,000 for  
19 each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”; and

20           (2) by adding at the end the following:

21           “(g) INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP.—

22           “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-  
23 tablish the Federal Interagency Work Group on  
24 Teen Dating Violence (referred to in this section as  
25 the ‘Work Group’).

1 “(2) IN GENERAL.—

2 “(A) COMPOSITION.—Not later than 120  
3 days after the date of enactment of Bree’s Law,  
4 the Secretary shall appoint representatives to  
5 the Work Group from the Administration for  
6 Children and Families, the Centers for Disease  
7 Control and Prevention, the Health Resources  
8 and Services Administration, the Department of  
9 Education, the Department of Justice, and  
10 other Federal agencies as determined appro-  
11 priate by the Secretary.

12 “(B) CONSULTATION.—The Work Group  
13 shall consult with—

14 “(i) experts at the State, Tribal, and  
15 local levels with relevant backgrounds in  
16 reducing and preventing the incidence of  
17 teen dating violence;

18 “(ii) victims of teen dating violence;

19 and

20 “(iii) family members of teens who  
21 were killed by a dating partner.

22 “(3) DUTIES.—The Work Group shall—

23 “(A) examine all Federal efforts directed  
24 towards reducing and preventing teen dating vi-  
25 olence;

1           “(B) identify strategies, resources, and  
2           supports to improve State, Tribal, and local re-  
3           sponses to the incidence of teen dating violence;

4           “(C) make recommendations to Congress  
5           for improving Federal programs and efforts and  
6           coordination across such programs and efforts  
7           to reduce and prevent teen dating violence; and

8           “(D) make recommendations for educating  
9           middle and high school students on teen dating  
10          violence.

11          “(4) ANNUAL REPORT TO SECRETARY.—The  
12          Work Group shall annually prepare and submit to  
13          the Secretary, the Committee on Health, Education,  
14          Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and the Com-  
15          mittee on Education and Labor of the House of  
16          Representatives, a report on the activities carried  
17          out by the Work Group under subsection (c), includ-  
18          ing recommendations to reduce and prevent teen  
19          dating violence.”.

20 **SEC. 1316. FAIRNESS FOR RAPE KIT BACKLOG SURVIVORS**  
21 **ACT OF 2022.**

22          (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
23          “Fairness for Rape Kit Backlog Survivors Act of 2022”.



1 (b) CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION.—Section  
2 1403(b) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C.  
3 20102(b)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the  
5 end;

6 (2) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-  
7 graph (10); and

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(9) beginning not later than 3 years after the  
11 date of enactment of this paragraph, such pro-  
12 gram—

13 “(A) provides a waiver for any application  
14 filing deadline imposed by the program for a  
15 crime victim if—

16 “(i) the crime victim is otherwise eligi-  
17 ble for compensation; and

18 “(ii) the delay in filing the application  
19 was a result of a delay in the testing of,  
20 or a delay in the DNA profile matching  
21 from, a sexual assault forensic examination  
22 kit or biological material collected as evi-  
23 dence related to a sexual offense; and

24 “(B) does not require the crime victim to  
25 undergo an appeals process to have the applica-

1           tion of the crime victim considered for a filing  
2           deadline waiver under subparagraph (A); and”.

3 **SEC. 1317. STUDY RELATING TO STATE ACTIONS TO PRO-**  
4                   **HIBIT AIDING AND ABETTING SEXUAL MIS-**  
5                   **CONDUCT IN SCHOOLS.**

6           Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall publish in  
8 the Federal Register the findings of the Department of  
9 Education’s study, as described in the notice published in  
10 the Federal Register entitled “Agency Information Collec-  
11 tion Activities; Comment Request; Study of State Policies  
12 to Prohibit Aiding and Abetting Sexual Misconduct in  
13 Schools” (84 Fed. Reg. 57708 (October 28, 2019)), re-  
14 viewing State actions to prohibit, in accordance with sec-  
15 tion 8546 of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
16 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7926), the aiding and abetting  
17 of sexual misconduct in schools.

18 **SEC. 1318. SUPPORTING ACCESS TO NURSE EXAMS ACT.**

19           (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
20 “Supporting Access to Nurse Exams Act” or the “SANE  
21 Act”.

22           (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 304 of the DNA Sexual  
23 Assault Justice Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723) is amend-  
24 ed by striking subsections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting  
25 the following:

1 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
3 tity’ includes—

4 “(A) a Tribal government or hospital;

5 “(B) a sexual assault examination pro-  
6 gram, including—

7 “(i) a SANE program;

8 “(ii) a SAFE program;

9 “(iii) a SART program;

10 “(iv) medical personnel, including a  
11 doctor or nurse, involved in treating vic-  
12 tims of sexual assault; and

13 “(v) a victim service provider involved  
14 in treating victims of sexual assault;

15 “(C) a State sexual assault coalition;

16 “(D) a health care facility, including a hos-  
17 pital that provides sexual assault forensic ex-  
18 aminations by a qualified or certified SANE or  
19 SAFE;

20 “(E) a sexual assault examination program  
21 that provides SANE or SAFE training; and

22 “(F) a community-based program that pro-  
23 vides sexual assault forensic examinations, in-  
24 cluding pediatric forensic exams in a multidisci-  
25 plinary setting, by a qualified or certified

1           SANE or SAFE outside of a traditional health  
2           care setting.

3           “(2) HEALTH CARE FACILITY.—The term  
4           ‘health care facility’ means any State, local, Tribal,  
5           community, free, nonprofit, academic, or private  
6           medical facility, including a hospital, that provides  
7           emergency medical care to patients.

8           “(3) MEDICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATION;  
9           MFE.—The term ‘medical forensic examination’ or  
10          ‘MFE’ means an examination of a sexual assault pa-  
11          tient by a health care provider, who has specialized  
12          education and clinical experience in the collection of  
13          forensic evidence and treatment of these patients,  
14          which includes—

15                 “(A) gathering information from the pa-  
16                 tient for the medical forensic history;

17                 “(B) an examination;

18                 “(C) coordinating treatment of injuries,  
19                 documentation of biological and physical find-  
20                 ings, and collection of evidence from the pa-  
21                 tient;

22                 “(D) documentation of findings;

23                 “(E) providing information, treatment, and  
24                 referrals for sexually transmitted infections,  
25                 pregnancy, suicidal ideation, alcohol and sub-

1           stance abuse, and other non-acute medical con-  
2           cerns; and

3           “(F) providing follow-up as needed to pro-  
4           vide additional healing, treatment, or collection  
5           of evidence.

6           “(4) PEDIATRIC SANE AND SAFE.—The term  
7           ‘pediatric SANE and SAFE’ means a SANE or  
8           SAFE who is trained to conduct sexual assault fo-  
9           rensic examinations on children and youth between  
10          the ages of 0 and 18.

11          “(5) QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.—The term  
12          ‘qualified personnel’ includes a registered or ad-  
13          vanced practice nurse, physician, doctor of osteop-  
14          athy, or physician assistant who has specialized  
15          training conducting medical forensic examinations.

16          “(6) QUALIFIED SANE AND SAFE TRAINING  
17          PROGRAM.—The term ‘qualified SANE and SAFE  
18          training program’ means a program that—

19                 “(A) is qualified to prepare current and fu-  
20                 ture sexual assault nurse examiners to be pro-  
21                 fession-ready and meet the applicable State and  
22                 National certification and licensure require-  
23                 ments, through didactic, clinical, preceptor, or  
24                 capstone programs that include longer-term  
25                 training;

1           “(B) provides that preparation under a  
2 health care model that uses trauma-informed  
3 techniques; and

4           “(C) is approved as meeting the most re-  
5 cent National Training Standards for Sexual  
6 Assault Medical Forensic Examiners.

7           “(7) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ has  
8 the meaning given the term in section 40002 of the  
9 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
10 12291).

11           “(8) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
12 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

13           “(9) SEXUAL ASSAULT.—The term ‘sexual as-  
14 sault’ means any nonconsensual sexual act or sexual  
15 contact proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law,  
16 including when the individual lacks capacity to con-  
17 sent.

18           “(10) SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINER;  
19 SAFE.—The term ‘sexual assault forensic examiner’  
20 or ‘SAFE’ means an individual who has specialized  
21 forensic training in treating sexual assault survivors  
22 and conducting medical forensic examinations.

23           “(11) SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINA-  
24 TION.—The term ‘sexual assault forensic examina-  
25 tion’ means an examination of a sexual assault pa-

1       tient by a health care provider, who has specialized  
2       education and clinical experience in the collection of  
3       forensic evidence and treatment of these patients,  
4       which includes—

5               “(A) gathering information from the pa-  
6               tient for the medical forensic history;

7               “(B) an examination;

8               “(C) coordinating treatment of injuries,  
9               documentation of biological and physical find-  
10              ings, and collection of evidence from the pa-  
11              tient;

12              “(D) documentation of findings;

13              “(E) providing information, treatment, and  
14              referrals for sexually transmitted infections,  
15              pregnancy, suicidal ideation, alcohol and sub-  
16              stance abuse, and other non-acute medical con-  
17              cerns; and

18              “(F) providing follow-up as needed to pro-  
19              vide additional healing, treatment, or collection  
20              of evidence.

21              “(12) SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER;  
22              SANE.—The term ‘sexual assault nurse examiner’ or  
23              ‘SANE’ means a registered or advanced practice  
24              nurse who has specialized training conducting med-  
25              ical forensic examinations.

1           “(13) SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM;  
2           SART.—The term ‘sexual assault response team’ or  
3           ‘SART’ means a multidisciplinary team that—

4                   “(A) provides a specialized and immediate  
5                   response to survivors of sexual assault; and

6                   “(B) may include health care personnel,  
7                   law enforcement representatives, community-  
8                   based survivor advocates, prosecutors, and fo-  
9                   rensic scientists.

10           “(14) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means any  
11           State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
12           and any territory or possession of the United States.

13           “(15) TRAUMA-INFORMED.—The term ‘trauma-  
14           informed’ means, with respect to services or train-  
15           ing, services or training that—

16                   “(A) use a patient-centered approach to  
17                   providing services or care;

18                   “(B) promote the dignity, strength, and  
19                   empowerment of patients who have experienced  
20                   trauma; and

21                   “(C) incorporate evidence-based practices  
22                   based on knowledge about the impact of trauma  
23                   on patients’ lives.

24           “(16) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—The  
25           term ‘underserved populations’ has the meaning



1 given the term in section 40002 of the Violence  
2 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).”.

3 (c) SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER GRANTS.—

4 Section 304 of the DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of  
5 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723) is amended by inserting after  
6 subsection (a), as amended by subsection (b) of this sec-  
7 tion, the following:

8 “(b) SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER TRAINING  
9 PROGRAM GRANTS.—

10 “(1) AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANTS.—The At-  
11 torney General, in consultation with the Secretary,  
12 shall make grants to eligible entities for the fol-  
13 lowing purposes:

14 “(A) To establish qualified regional SANE  
15 training programs—

16 “(i) to provide clinical education for  
17 SANE students;

18 “(ii) to provide salaries for full and  
19 part-time SANE instructors, including  
20 those specializing in pediatrics and work-  
21 ing in a multidisciplinary team setting, to  
22 help with the clinical training of SANEs;  
23 and

1                   “(iii) to provide access to simulation  
2                   laboratories and other resources necessary  
3                   for clinical education.

4                   “(B) To provide full and part time salaries  
5                   for SANEs and SAFEs, including pediatric  
6                   SANEs and SAFEs.

7                   “(C) To increase access to SANEs and  
8                   SAFEs by otherwise providing training, edu-  
9                   cation, or technical assistance relating to the  
10                  collection, preservation, analysis, and use of  
11                  DNA samples and DNA evidence by SANEs,  
12                  SAFEs, and other qualified personnel.

13                  “(2) PREFERENCE FOR GRANTS.—In reviewing  
14                  applications for grants under this section, the Attor-  
15                  ney General shall give preference to any eligible enti-  
16                  ty that certifies in the grant application that the en-  
17                  tity will coordinate with a rape crisis center or the  
18                  State sexual assault coalition to facilitate sexual as-  
19                  sault advocacy to support sexual assault survivors  
20                  and use the grant funds to—

21                         “(A) establish qualified SANE training  
22                         programs in localities with a high volume of fo-  
23                         rensic trauma cases, including adult and child  
24                         sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse,  
25                         sex trafficking, and strangulation cases;

1           “(B) increase the local and regional avail-  
2           ability of full and part time sexual assault  
3           nurse examiners in a rural area, Tribal area, an  
4           area with a health professional shortage, or for  
5           an underserved population, including efforts to  
6           provide culturally competent services; or

7           “(C) establish or sustain sexual assault  
8           mobile teams or units or otherwise enhance  
9           SANE and SAFE access through telehealth.”.

10       (d) DIRECTIVE.—Section 304 of the DNA Sexual As-  
11       sault Justice Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723) is amend-  
12       ed—

13           (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
14           section (e); and

15           (2) by inserting after subsection (b), as added  
16           by subsection (c) of this section, the following:

17       “(c) DIRECTIVE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

18           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the begin-  
19           ning of fiscal year 2022, the Attorney General shall  
20           coordinate with the Secretary to inform health care  
21           facilities, including Federally qualified health centers  
22           and hospitals, colleges and universities, and other  
23           appropriate health-related entities about—

24           “(A) the availability of grant funding  
25           under this section; and

1           “(B) the role of sexual assault nurse exam-  
2           iners, both adult and pediatric, and available  
3           resources of the Department of Justice and the  
4           Department of Health and Human Services to  
5           train or employ sexual assault nurses examiners  
6           to address the needs of communities dealing  
7           with sexual assault, domestic violence, sex traf-  
8           ficking, elder abuse, strangulation, and, in par-  
9           ticular, the need for pediatric SANEs, including  
10          such nurse examiners working in the multidisci-  
11          plinary setting, in responding to abuse of both  
12          children and adolescents.

13          “(2) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out para-  
14          graph (1), the Attorney General shall collaborate  
15          with nongovernmental organizations representing  
16          SANEs.

17          “(d) PUBLIC INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO SEXUAL  
18          ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS.—

19          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
20          after the date of enactment of the Supporting Access  
21          to Nurse Exams Act, the Attorney General, in con-  
22          sultation with the Secretary, shall establish, and up-  
23          date annually, a public website on the access to fo-  
24          rensic nurse examiners.

1           “(2) CONTENTS.—The website required under  
2 paragraph (1) shall with specificity describe, by  
3 State—

4           “(A) funding opportunities for SANE  
5 training and continuing education; and

6           “(B) the availability of sexual assault ad-  
7 vocates at locations providing sexual assault fo-  
8 rensic exams.

9           “(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 4  
10 years after the date of enactment of the Supporting  
11 Access to Nurse Exams Act, the Attorney General,  
12 in consultation with the Secretary, shall submit to  
13 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the  
14 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-  
15 sions of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary  
16 of the House of Representatives, and the Committee  
17 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives a report on—

19           “(A) the availability of, and patient access  
20 to, trained SANEs and other providers who  
21 perform MFEs or sexual assault forensic exami-  
22 nations;

23           “(B) the health care facilities, including  
24 hospitals or clinics, that offer SANEs and sex-  
25 ual assault forensic examinations and whether

1 each health care facility, including a hospital or  
2 clinic, has full-time, part-time, or on-call cov-  
3 erage;

4 “(C) regional, provider, or other barriers  
5 to access for SANE care and services, including  
6 MFEs and sexual assault forensic examinations;

7 “(D) State requirements, minimum stand-  
8 ards, and protocols for training SANEs, includ-  
9 ing trauma-informed and culturally competent  
10 training standards;

11 “(E) State requirements, minimum stand-  
12 ards, and protocols for training emergency serv-  
13 ices personnel involved in MFEs and sexual as-  
14 sult forensic examinations;

15 “(F) the availability of sexual assault  
16 nurse examiner training, frequency of when  
17 training is convened, the providers of such  
18 training, the State’s role in such training, and  
19 what process or procedures are in place for con-  
20 tinuing education of such examiners;

21 “(G) the dedicated Federal and State  
22 funding to support SANE training;

23 “(H) funding opportunities for SANE  
24 training and continuing education;

1           “(I) the availability of sexual assault advo-  
 2 cates at locations providing MFEs and sexual  
 3 assault forensic exams; and

4           “(J) the total annual cost of conducting  
 5 sexual assault forensic exams described in sec-  
 6 tion 2010(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime  
 7 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
 8 U.S.C. 10449(b)).”.

9           (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-  
 10 section (e) of section 304 of the DNA Sexual Assault Jus-  
 11 tice Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723), as redesignated by  
 12 subsection (d) of this section, is amended to read as fol-  
 13 lows:

14           “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 15 are authorized to be appropriated \$30,000,000 for each  
 16 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to carry out this sec-  
 17 tion.”.

## 18           **TITLE XIV—CYBERCRIME**

### 19           **ENFORCEMENT**

20           **SEC. 1401. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS FOR EN-**  
 21           **FORCEMENT OF CYBERCRIMES.**

22           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23           (1) COMPUTER.—The term “computer” in-  
 24 cludes a computer network and an interactive elec-  
 25 tronic device.

1           (2) CYBERCRIME AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The  
2 term “cybercrime against individuals”—

3           (A) means a criminal offense applicable in  
4 the area under the jurisdiction of the relevant  
5 State, Indian Tribe, or unit of local government  
6 that involves the use of a computer to harass,  
7 threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear to, or  
8 intimidate an individual, or without consent dis-  
9 tribute intimate images of an adult, except that  
10 use of a computer need not be an element of  
11 such an offense; and

12           (B) does not include the use of a computer  
13 to cause harm to a commercial entity, govern-  
14 ment agency, or non-natural person.

15           (3) INDIAN TRIBE; STATE; TRIBAL GOVERN-  
16 MENT; UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The terms  
17 “Indian Tribe”, “State”, “Tribal government”, and  
18 “unit of local government” have the meanings given  
19 such terms in section 40002(a) of the Violence  
20 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)),  
21 as amended by this Act.

22           (b) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Subject  
23 to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General  
24 shall award grants under this section to States, Indian  
25 Tribes, and units of local government for the prevention,



1 enforcement, and prosecution of cybercrimes against indi-  
2 viduals.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under  
5 this section, the chief executive officer of a State,  
6 Tribal government, or unit of local government shall  
7 submit an application to the Attorney General not  
8 later than 90 days after the date on which funds to  
9 carry out this section are appropriated for a fiscal  
10 year, in such form as the Attorney General may re-  
11 quire.

12 (2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted  
13 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

14 (A) A certification that Federal funds  
15 made available under this section will not be  
16 used to supplant State, Tribal, or local funds,  
17 but will be used to increase the amounts of  
18 such funds that would, in the absence of Fed-  
19 eral funds, be made available for law enforce-  
20 ment activities.

21 (B) An assurance that, not later than 30  
22 days before the application (or any amendment  
23 to the application) was submitted to the Attor-  
24 ney General, the application (or amendment)  
25 was submitted for review to the governing body

1 of the State, Tribe, or unit of local government  
2 (or to an organization designated by that gov-  
3 erning body).

4 (C) An assurance that, before the applica-  
5 tion (or any amendment to the application) was  
6 submitted to the Attorney General—

7 (i) the application (or amendment)  
8 was made public; and

9 (ii) an opportunity to comment on the  
10 application (or amendment) was provided  
11 to citizens, to neighborhood or community-  
12 based organizations, and to victim service  
13 providers, to the extent applicable law or  
14 established procedure makes such an op-  
15 portunity available;

16 (D) An assurance that, for each fiscal year  
17 covered by an application, the applicant shall  
18 maintain and report such data, records, and in-  
19 formation (programmatic and financial) as the  
20 Attorney General may reasonably require.

21 (E) A certification, made in a form accept-  
22 able to the Attorney General and executed by  
23 the chief executive officer of the applicant (or  
24 by another officer of the applicant, if qualified

1 under regulations promulgated by the Attorney  
2 General), that—

3 (i) the programs to be funded by the  
4 grant meet all the requirements of this sec-  
5 tion;

6 (ii) all the information contained in  
7 the application is correct;

8 (iii) there has been appropriate co-  
9 ordination with affected agencies; and

10 (iv) the applicant will comply with all  
11 provisions of this section and all other ap-  
12 plicable Federal laws.

13 (F) A certification that the State, Tribe, or  
14 in the case of a unit of local government, the  
15 State in which the unit of local government is  
16 located, has in effect criminal laws which pro-  
17 hibit cybercrimes against individuals.

18 (G) A certification that any equipment de-  
19 scribed in subsection (d)(8) purchased using  
20 grant funds awarded under this section will be  
21 used primarily for investigations and forensic  
22 analysis of evidence in matters involving  
23 cybercrimes against individuals.

24 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-  
25 tion may be used only for programs that provide—

1           (1) training for State, Tribal, or local law en-  
2           forcement personnel relating to cybercrimes against  
3           individuals, including—

4                   (A) training such personnel to identify and  
5                   protect victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
6                   uals, provided that the training is developed in  
7                   collaboration with victim service providers;

8                   (B) training such personnel to utilize Fed-  
9                   eral, State, Tribal, local, and other resources to  
10                  assist victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
11                  uals;

12                  (C) training such personnel to identify and  
13                  investigate cybercrimes against individuals;

14                  (D) training such personnel to enforce and  
15                  utilize the laws that prohibit cybercrimes  
16                  against individuals;

17                  (E) training such personnel to utilize tech-  
18                  nology to assist in the investigation of  
19                  cybercrimes against individuals and enforce-  
20                  ment of laws that prohibit such crimes; and

21                  (F) the payment of overtime incurred as a  
22                  result of such training;

23           (2) training for State, Tribal, or local prosecu-  
24           tors, judges, and judicial personnel relating to  
25           cybercrimes against individuals, including—

1 (A) training such personnel to identify, in-  
2 vestigate, prosecute, or adjudicate cybercrimes  
3 against individuals;

4 (B) training such personnel to utilize laws  
5 that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;

6 (C) training such personnel to utilize Fed-  
7 eral, State, Tribal, local, and other resources to  
8 assist victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
9 uals; and

10 (D) training such personnel to utilize tech-  
11 nology to assist in the prosecution or adjudica-  
12 tion of acts of cybercrimes against individuals,  
13 including the use of technology to protect vic-  
14 tims of such crimes;

15 (3) training for State, Tribal, or local emer-  
16 gency dispatch personnel relating to cybercrimes  
17 against individuals, including—

18 (A) training such personnel to identify and  
19 protect victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
20 uals;

21 (B) training such personnel to utilize Fed-  
22 eral, State, Tribal, local, and other resources to  
23 assist victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
24 uals;

1 (C) training such personnel to utilize tech-  
2 nology to assist in the identification of and re-  
3 sponse to cybercrimes against individuals; and

4 (D) the payment of overtime incurred as a  
5 result of such training;

6 (4) assistance to State, Tribal, or local law en-  
7 forcement agencies in enforcing laws that prohibit  
8 cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses  
9 incurred in performing enforcement operations, such  
10 as overtime payments;

11 (5) assistance to State, Tribal, or local law en-  
12 forcement agencies in educating the public in order  
13 to prevent, deter, and identify violations of laws that  
14 prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;

15 (6) assistance to State, Tribal, or local law en-  
16 forcement agencies to support the placement of vic-  
17 tim assistants to serve as liaisons between victims of  
18 cybercrimes against individuals and personnel of law  
19 enforcement agencies;

20 (7) assistance to State, Tribal, or local law en-  
21 forcement agencies to establish task forces that op-  
22 erate solely to conduct investigations, forensic anal-  
23 yses of evidence, and prosecutions in matters involv-  
24 ing cybercrimes against individuals;

1           (8) assistance to State, Tribal, or local law en-  
2           forcement agencies and prosecutors in acquiring  
3           computers, computer equipment, and other equip-  
4           ment necessary to conduct investigations and foren-  
5           sic analysis of evidence in matters involving  
6           cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses  
7           incurred in the training, maintenance, or acquisition  
8           of technical updates necessary for the use of such  
9           equipment for the duration of a reasonable period of  
10          use of such equipment;

11          (9) assistance in the facilitation and promotion  
12          of sharing, with State, Tribal, and local law enforce-  
13          ment agencies and prosecutors, of the expertise and  
14          information of Federal law enforcement agencies  
15          about the investigation, analysis, and prosecution of  
16          matters involving laws that prohibit cybercrimes  
17          against individuals, including the use of multijuris-  
18          dictional task forces; or

19          (10) assistance to State, Tribal, and local law  
20          enforcement and prosecutors in processing interstate  
21          extradition requests for violations of laws involving  
22          cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses  
23          incurred in the extradition of an offender from one  
24          State to another.

1           (e) REPORTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—On the  
2 date that is 1 year after the date on which a State, Indian  
3 Tribe, or unit of local government receives a grant under  
4 this section, and annually thereafter, the chief executive  
5 officer of the State, Tribal government, or unit of local  
6 government shall submit to the Attorney General a report  
7 which contains—

8           (1) a summary of the activities carried out dur-  
9           ing the previous year with any grant received under  
10           this section by such State, Indian Tribe, or unit of  
11           local government;

12           (2) an evaluation of the results of such activi-  
13           ties; and

14           (3) such other information as the Attorney  
15           General may reasonably require.

16           (f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Novem-  
17 ber 1 of each even-numbered fiscal year, the Attorney  
18 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary  
19 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
20 the Judiciary of the Senate a report that contains a com-  
21 pilation of the information contained in the reports sub-  
22 mitted under subsection (e).

23           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
2           appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000  
3           for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

4           (2) LIMITATION.—Of the amount made avail-  
5           able under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year, not  
6           more than 5 percent may be used for evaluation,  
7           monitoring, technical assistance, salaries, and ad-  
8           ministrative expenses.

9   **SEC. 1402. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER GRANT.**

10          (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) CYBERCRIME AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The  
12           term “cybercrime against individuals” has the mean-  
13           ing given such term in section 1401.

14           (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
15           ty” means a nonprofit private organization that—

16                   (A) focuses on cybercrimes against individ-  
17                   uals;

18                   (B) provides documentation to the Attor-  
19                   ney General demonstrating experience working  
20                   directly on issues of cybercrimes against indi-  
21                   viduals; and

22                   (C) includes on the organization’s advisory  
23                   board representatives who—

1 (i) have a documented history of  
2 working directly on issues of cybercrimes  
3 against individuals;

4 (ii) have a history of working directly  
5 with victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
6 uals; and

7 (iii) are geographically and culturally  
8 diverse.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Subject  
10 to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General  
11 shall award a grant under this section to an eligible entity  
12 for the purpose of the establishment and maintenance of  
13 a National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Indi-  
14 viduals to provide resource information, training, and  
15 technical assistance to improve the capacity of individuals,  
16 organizations, governmental entities, and communities to  
17 prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against indi-  
18 viduals.

19 (c) APPLICATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under  
21 this section, an eligible entity shall submit an appli-  
22 cation to the Attorney General not later than 90  
23 days after the date on which funds to carry out this  
24 section are appropriated for fiscal year 2022 in such  
25 form as the Attorney General may require.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted  
2 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3           (A) An assurance that, for each fiscal year  
4 covered by the application, the applicant will  
5 maintain and report such data, records, and in-  
6 formation (programmatic and financial) as the  
7 Attorney General may reasonably require.

8           (B) A certification, made in a form accept-  
9 able to the Attorney General, that—

10           (i) the programs funded by the grant  
11 meet all the requirements of this section;

12           (ii) all the information contained in  
13 the application is correct; and

14           (iii) the applicant will comply with all  
15 provisions of this section and all other ap-  
16 plicable Federal laws.

17       (d) USE OF FUNDS.—The eligible entity awarded a  
18 grant under this section shall use such amounts for the  
19 establishment and maintenance of a National Resource  
20 Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals, which shall—

21           (1) offer a comprehensive array of technical as-  
22 sistance and training resources to Federal, State,  
23 and local governmental agencies, community-based  
24 organizations, and other professionals and interested

1 parties related to cybercrimes against individuals, in-  
2 cluding programs and research related to victims;

3 (2) maintain a resource library which shall col-  
4 lect, prepare, analyze, and disseminate information  
5 and statistics related to—

6 (A) the incidence of cybercrimes against  
7 individuals;

8 (B) the enforcement and prosecution of  
9 laws relating to cybercrimes against individuals;  
10 and

11 (C) the provision of supportive services and  
12 resources for victims, including victims from  
13 underserved populations, of cybercrimes against  
14 individuals; and

15 (3) conduct research related to—

16 (A) the causes of cybercrimes against indi-  
17 viduals;

18 (B) the effect of cybercrimes against indi-  
19 viduals on victims of such crimes; and

20 (C) model solutions to prevent or deter  
21 cybercrimes against individuals or to enforce  
22 the laws relating to cybercrimes against individ-  
23 uals.

24 (e) DURATION OF GRANT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under this  
2 section shall be awarded for a period of 5 years.

3           (2) RENEWAL.—A grant under this section may  
4 be renewed for additional 5-year periods if the At-  
5 torney General determines that the funds made  
6 available to the recipient were used in a manner de-  
7 scribed in subsection (d), and if the recipient resub-  
8 mits an application described in subsection (c) in  
9 such form, and at such time, as the Attorney Gen-  
10 eral may reasonably require.

11          (f) SUBGRANTS.—The eligible entity awarded a grant  
12 under this section may make subgrants to other nonprofit  
13 private organizations with relevant subject matter exper-  
14 tise in order to establish and maintain the National Re-  
15 source Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals in ac-  
16 cordance with subsection (d).

17          (g) REPORTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—On the  
18 date that is 1 year after the date on which an eligible enti-  
19 ty receives a grant under this section, and annually there-  
20 after for the duration of the grant period, the entity shall  
21 submit to the Attorney General a report which contains—

22           (1) a summary of the activities carried out  
23 under the grant program during the previous year;

24           (2) an evaluation of the results of such activi-  
25 ties; and

1           (3) such other information as the Attorney  
2           General may reasonably require.

3           (h) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Novem-  
4 ber 1 of each even-numbered fiscal year, the Attorney  
5 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary  
6 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
7 the Judiciary of the Senate a report that contains a com-  
8 pilation of the information contained in the reports sub-  
9 mitted under subsection (g).

10          (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
12 \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

13 **SEC. 1403. NATIONAL STRATEGY, CLASSIFICATION, AND RE-**  
14 **PORTING ON CYBERCRIME.**

15          (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16           (1) COMPUTER.—The term “computer” in-  
17 cludes a computer network and any interactive elec-  
18 tronic device.

19           (2) CYBERCRIME AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The  
20 term “cybercrime against individuals” has the mean-  
21 ing given the term in section 1401.

22          (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—The Attorney General  
23 shall develop a national strategy to—

24           (1) reduce the incidence of cybercrimes against  
25 individuals;

1           (2) coordinate investigations of cybercrimes  
2 against individuals by Federal law enforcement  
3 agencies;

4           (3) increase the number of Federal prosecutions  
5 of cybercrimes against individuals; and

6           (4) develop an evaluation process that measures  
7 rates of cybercrime victimization and prosecutorial  
8 rates among Tribal and culturally specific commu-  
9 nities.

10       (c) CLASSIFICATION OF CYBERCRIMES AGAINST IN-  
11 DIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSES OF CRIME REPORTS.—In ac-  
12 cordance with the authority of the Attorney General under  
13 section 534 of title 28, United States Code, the Director  
14 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall—

15           (1) design and create within the Uniform Crime  
16 Reports a category for offenses that constitute  
17 cybercrimes against individuals;

18           (2) to the extent feasible, within the category  
19 established under paragraph (1), establish subcat-  
20 egories for each type of cybercrime against individ-  
21 uals that is an offense under Federal or State law;

22           (3) classify the category established under para-  
23 graph (1) as a Part I crime in the Uniform Crime  
24 Reports; and

1           (4) classify each type of cybercrime against in-  
2           dividuals that is an offense under Federal or State  
3           law as a Group A offense for the purpose of the Na-  
4           tional Incident-Based Reporting System.

5           (d) ANNUAL SUMMARY.—The Attorney General shall  
6           publish an annual summary of the information reported  
7           in the Uniform Crime Reports and the National Incident-  
8           Based Reporting System relating to cybercrimes against  
9           individuals, including an evaluation of the implementation  
10          process for the national strategy developed under sub-  
11          section (b) and outcome measurements on its impact on  
12          Tribal and culturally specific communities.

13       **TITLE XV—KEEPING CHILDREN**  
14       **SAFE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE**

15       **SEC. 1501. SHORT TITLE.**

16          This title may be cited as the “Keeping Children Safe  
17          From Family Violence Act” or “Kayden’s Law”.

18       **SEC. 1502. FINDINGS.**

19          Congress finds the following:

20               (1) Approximately 1 in 15 children is exposed  
21               to domestic violence each year.

22               (2) Most child abuse is perpetrated in the fam-  
23               ily and by a parent. Intimate partner violence and  
24               child abuse overlap in the same families at rates be-  
25               tween 30 and 60 percent. A child’s risk of abuse in-



1 creases after a perpetrator of intimate partner vio-  
2 lence separates from a domestic partner, even when  
3 the perpetrator has not previously directly abused  
4 the child. Children who have witnessed intimate  
5 partner violence are approximately 4 times more  
6 likely to experience direct child maltreatment than  
7 children who have not witnessed intimate partner vi-  
8 olence.

9 (3) More than 75 percent of child sexual abuse  
10 is perpetrated by a family member or a person  
11 known to the child. Data of the Department of Jus-  
12 tice shows that family members are 49 percent, or  
13 almost half, of the perpetrators of crimes against  
14 child sex assault victims younger than 6 years of  
15 age.

16 (4) Research suggests a child's exposure to a  
17 batterer is among the strongest indicators of risk of  
18 incest victimization. One study found that female  
19 children with fathers who are batterers of their  
20 mothers were 6.5 times more likely to experience fa-  
21 ther-daughter incest than female children who do  
22 not have abusive fathers.

23 (5) Child abuse is a major public health issue  
24 in the United States. Total lifetime financial costs  
25 associated with just 1 year of confirmed cases of

1 child maltreatment, including child physical abuse,  
2 sexual abuse, psychological abuse, and neglect, result  
3 in \$124,000,000,000 in annual costs to the economy  
4 of the United States, or approximately 1 percent of  
5 the gross domestic product of the United States.

6 (6) Empirical research indicates that courts  
7 regularly discount allegations of child physical and  
8 sexual abuse when those allegations are raised in  
9 child custody cases. Courts believed less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
10 claims that a father has committed child physical or  
11 sexual abuse. With respect to cases in which an al-  
12 legedly abusive parent claimed the mother “alien-  
13 ated” the child, courts believed only 1 out of 51  
14 claims of sexual molestation by a father. Inde-  
15 pendent research indicates that child sexual abuse  
16 allegations are credible between 50 and 70 percent  
17 of the time.

18 (7) Empirical research shows that alleged or  
19 known abusive parents are often granted custody or  
20 unprotected parenting time by courts. Approximately  
21  $\frac{1}{3}$  of parents alleged to have committed child abuse  
22 took primary custody from the protective parent re-  
23 porting the abuse, placing children at ongoing risk.

24 (8) Researchers have documented nearly 800  
25 child murders in the United States since 2008 com-

1       mitted by a divorcing or separating parent. More  
2       than 100 of these child murders are known to have  
3       occurred after a court ordered the child to have con-  
4       tact with the dangerous parent over the objection of  
5       a safe parent or caregiver.

6           (9) Scientifically unsound theories that treat  
7       abuse allegations of mothers as likely false attempts  
8       to undermine fathers are frequently applied in fam-  
9       ily court to minimize or deny reports of abuse of  
10      parents and children. Many experts who testify  
11      against abuse allegations lack expertise in the rel-  
12      evant type of alleged abuse, relying instead on un-  
13      sound and unproven theories.

14          (10) Judges presiding over custody cases involv-  
15      ing allegations of child abuse, child sexual abuse,  
16      and domestic violence are rarely required to receive  
17      training on these subjects, and most States have not  
18      established standards for such training.

19   **SEC. 1503. PURPOSES.**

20      The purposes of this title are to—

21          (1) increase the priority given to child safety in  
22      any State court divorce, separation, visitation, pater-  
23      nity, child support, civil protection order, or family  
24      custody court proceeding affecting the custody and

1 care of children, excluding child protective, abuse, or  
 2 neglect proceedings and juvenile justice proceedings;

3 (2) strengthen the abilities of courts to—

4 (A) recognize and adjudicate domestic vio-  
 5 lence and child abuse allegations based on valid,  
 6 admissible evidence; and

7 (B) enter orders that protect and minimize  
 8 the risk of harm to children; and

9 (3) ensure that professional personnel involved  
 10 in cases containing domestic violence or child abuse  
 11 allegations receive trauma-informed and culturally  
 12 appropriate training on the dynamics, signs, and im-  
 13 pact of domestic violence and child abuse, including  
 14 child sexual abuse.

15 **SEC. 1504. INCREASED FUNDING FOR STOP GRANTS.**

16 Section 2007 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
 17 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10446) is amend-  
 18 ed by adding at the end the following:

19 “(k) GRANT INCREASES FOR STATES WITH CERTAIN  
 20 CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING LAWS AND STANDARDS.—

21 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

22 “(A) CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.—The  
 23 term ‘child custody proceeding’—

24 “(i) means a private family court pro-  
 25 ceeding in State or local court that, with

1 respect to a child, involves the care or cus-  
2 tody of the child in a private divorce, sepa-  
3 ration, visitation, paternity, child support,  
4 legal or physical custody, or civil protection  
5 order proceeding between the parents of  
6 the child; and

7 “(ii) does not include—

8 “(I) any child protective, abuse,  
9 or neglect proceeding;

10 “(II) a juvenile justice pro-  
11 ceeding; or

12 “(III) any child placement pro-  
13 ceeding in which a State, local, or  
14 Tribal government, a designee of such  
15 a government, or any contracted child  
16 welfare agency or child protective  
17 services agency of such a government  
18 is a party to the proceeding.

19 “(B) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ‘eligible  
20 State’ means a State that—

21 “(i) receives a grant under subsection  
22 (a); and

23 “(ii) has in effect—

24 “(I) each law described in para-  
25 graph (3);

1                   “(II) the standards described in  
2                   paragraph (4); and

3                   “(III) the training program de-  
4                   scribed in paragraph (5).

5                   “(C) REUNIFICATION TREATMENT.—The  
6                   term ‘reunification treatment’ means a treat-  
7                   ment or therapy aimed at reuniting or reestab-  
8                   lishing a relationship between a child and an es-  
9                   tranged or rejected parent or other family mem-  
10                  ber of the child.

11                  “(2) INCREASE.—

12                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General  
13                  shall increase the amount of a grant awarded  
14                  under subsection (a) to an eligible State that  
15                  submits an application under paragraph (6) by  
16                  an amount that is not more than 10 percent of  
17                  the average of the total amount of funding pro-  
18                  vided to the State under subsection (a) under  
19                  the 3 most recent awards to the State.

20                  “(B) TERM OF INCREASE.—An increase of  
21                  a grant under subparagraph (A) shall be for 1  
22                  fiscal year.

23                  “(C) RENEWAL.—An eligible State that re-  
24                  ceives an increase under subparagraph (A) may  
25                  submit an application for renewal of the in-

1           crease at such time, in such manner, and con-  
2           taining such information as the Attorney Gen-  
3           eral may reasonably require.

4           “(D) LIMIT.—An eligible State may not  
5           receive an increase under subparagraph (A) for  
6           more than 4 fiscal years.

7           “(3) LAWS.—The laws described in this para-  
8           graph are the following:

9           “(A) A law that ensures that, with respect  
10          to a child custody proceeding in which a parent  
11          has been alleged to have committed domestic vi-  
12          olence or child abuse, including child sexual  
13          abuse—

14               “(i) expert evidence from a court-ap-  
15               pointed or outside professional relating to  
16               the alleged abuse may be admitted only if  
17               the professional possesses demonstrated  
18               expertise and clinical experience in working  
19               with victims of domestic violence or child  
20               abuse, including child sexual abuse, that is  
21               not solely of a forensic nature; and

22               “(ii) in making a finding regarding  
23               any allegation of domestic violence or child  
24               abuse, including child sexual abuse, in ad-  
25               dition to any other relevant admissible evi-

1 dence, evidence of past sexual or physical  
2 abuse committed by the accused parent  
3 shall be considered, including—

4 “(I) any past or current protec-  
5 tion or restraining orders against the  
6 accused parent;

7 “(II) sexual violence abuse pro-  
8 tection orders against the accused  
9 parent;

10 “(III) arrests of the accused par-  
11 ent for domestic violence, sexual vio-  
12 lence, or child abuse; or

13 “(IV) convictions of the accused  
14 parent for domestic violence, sexual  
15 violence, or child abuse.

16 “(B) A law that ensures that, during a  
17 child custody proceeding—

18 “(i) a court may not, solely in order  
19 to improve a deficient relationship with the  
20 other parent of a child, remove the child  
21 from a parent or litigating party—

22 “(I) who is competent, protective,  
23 and not physically or sexually abusive;  
24 and



1                   “(II) with whom the child is  
2                   bonded or to whom the child is at-  
3                   tached;

4                   “(ii) a court may not, solely in order  
5                   to improve a deficient relationship with the  
6                   other parent of a child, restrict contact be-  
7                   tween the child and a parent or litigating  
8                   party—

9                   “(I) who is competent, protective,  
10                  and not physically or sexually abusive;  
11                  and

12                  “(II) with whom the child is  
13                  bonded or to whom the child is at-  
14                  tached;

15                  “(iii) a court may not order a reunifi-  
16                  cation treatment, unless there is generally  
17                  accepted and scientifically valid proof of  
18                  the safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic  
19                  value of the reunification treatment;

20                  “(iv) a court may not order a reunifi-  
21                  cation treatment that is predicated on cut-  
22                  ting off a child from a parent with whom  
23                  the child is bonded or to whom the child is  
24                  attached; and

1           “(v) any order to remediate the resist-  
2           ance of a child to have contact with a vio-  
3           lent or abusive parent primarily addresses  
4           the behavior of that parent or the con-  
5           tributions of that parent to the resistance  
6           of the child before ordering the other par-  
7           ent of the child to take steps to potentially  
8           improve the relationship of the child with  
9           the parent with whom the child resists con-  
10          tact.

11          “(C) A law that requires judges and mag-  
12          istrates who hear child custody proceedings and  
13          other relevant court personnel involved in child  
14          custody proceedings, including guardians ad  
15          litem, best interest attorneys, counsel for chil-  
16          dren, custody evaluators, masters, and medi-  
17          ators to complete, with respect to the training  
18          program described in paragraph (5)—

19                 “(i) not less than 20 hours of initial  
20                 training; and

21                 “(ii) not less than 15 hours of ongo-  
22                 ing training every 5 years.

23          “(4) UNIFORM REQUIRED STANDARDS.—The  
24          standards described in this paragraph are uniform  
25          required standards that—

1           “(A) apply to any neutral professional ap-  
2 pointed by a court during a child custody pro-  
3 ceeding to express an opinion relating to abuse,  
4 trauma, or the behaviors of victims and per-  
5 petrators of abuse and trauma; and

6           “(B) require that a professional described  
7 in subparagraph (A) possess demonstrated ex-  
8 pertise and clinical experience in working with  
9 victims of domestic violence or child abuse, in-  
10 cluding child sexual abuse, that is not solely of  
11 a forensic nature.

12           “(5) TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.—  
13 The training program described in this paragraph is  
14 an ongoing training and education program that—

15           “(A) focuses solely on domestic and sexual  
16 violence and child abuse, including—

17                   “(i) child sexual abuse;

18                   “(ii) physical abuse;

19                   “(iii) emotional abuse;

20                   “(iv) coercive control;

21                   “(v) implicit and explicit bias, includ-  
22 ing biases relating to parents with disabili-  
23 ties;

24                   “(vi) trauma;

1           “(vii) long- and short-term impacts of  
2           domestic violence and child abuse on chil-  
3           dren; and

4           “(viii) victim and perpetrator behavior  
5           patterns and relationship dynamics within  
6           the cycle of violence;

7           “(B) is provided by—

8           “(i) a professional with substantial ex-  
9           perience in assisting survivors of domestic  
10          violence or child abuse, including a victim  
11          service provider (as defined in section  
12          40002 of the Violence Against Women Act  
13          of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291)); and

14          “(ii) if possible, a survivor of domestic  
15          violence or child physical or sexual abuse;

16          “(C) relies on evidence-based and peer-re-  
17          viewed research by recognized experts in the  
18          types of abuse described in subparagraph (A);

19          “(D) does not include theories, concepts,  
20          or belief systems unsupported by the research  
21          described in subparagraph (C); and

22          “(E) is designed to improve the ability of  
23          courts to—

24                 “(i) recognize and respond to child  
25                 physical abuse, child sexual abuse, domes-

1           tie violence, and trauma in all family vic-  
2           tims, particularly children; and

3           “(ii) make appropriate custody deci-  
4           sions that—

5                   “(I) prioritize child safety and  
6                   well-being; and

7                   “(II) are culturally sensitive and  
8                   appropriate for diverse communities.

9           “(6) APPLICATION.—

10                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible State de-  
11                   siring a grant increase under this subsection  
12                   shall submit an application to the Attorney  
13                   General at such time, in such manner, and con-  
14                   taining such information as the Attorney Gen-  
15                   eral may reasonably require.

16                   “(B) CONTENTS.—An application sub-  
17                   mitted by an eligible State under subparagraph  
18                   (A) shall include information relating to—

19                           “(i) the laws described paragraph (3);

20                           “(ii) the standards described in para-  
21                           graph (4); and

22                           “(iii) the training program described  
23                           in paragraph (5).

24           “(7) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible State that re-  
25           ceives a grant increase under paragraph (2)(A) shall

1 use the total amount of the increase for the purposes  
2 described in subparagraph (C) or (D) of subsection  
3 (c)(4).

4 “(8) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
5 this subsection shall be interpreted as discouraging  
6 States from adopting additional provisions to in-  
7 crease safe outcomes for children. Additional protec-  
8 tive provisions are encouraged.

9 “(9) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
10 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
11 this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
12 2023 through 2027.”.

13 **SEC. 1505. SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS’ RIGHTS.**

14 Section 3772(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code,  
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and”  
17 and inserting a semicolon;

18 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period  
19 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 paragraph:

22 “(D) be informed of the status and loca-  
23 tion of a sexual assault evidence collection kit.”.

1 **SEC. 1506. GRANTS TO STATE AND TRIBAL COURTS TO IM-**  
2 **PLEMENT PROTECTION ORDER PILOT PRO-**  
3 **GRAMS.**

4 Part U of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and  
5 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461 et seq.) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating sections 2103, 2104, and  
8 2105 as sections 2104, 2105, and 2106, respectively;  
9 and

10 (2) by inserting after section 2102 the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 **“SEC. 2103. GRANTS TO STATE AND TRIBAL COURTS TO IM-**  
13 **PLEMENT PROTECTION ORDER PILOT PRO-**  
14 **GRAMS.**

15 “(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this sec-  
16 tion, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State or Tribal  
17 court that is part of a multidisciplinary partnership that  
18 includes, to the extent practicable—

19 “(1) a State, Tribal, or local law enforcement  
20 agency;

21 “(2) a State, Tribal, or local prosecutor’s office;

22 “(3) a victim service provider or State or Tribal  
23 domestic violence coalition;

24 “(4) a provider of culturally specific services;

25 “(5) a nonprofit program or government agency  
26 with demonstrated experience in providing legal as-

1 assistance or legal advice to victims of domestic vio-  
2 lence and sexual assault;

3 “(6) the bar association of the applicable State  
4 or Indian Tribe;

5 “(7) the State or Tribal association of court  
6 clerks;

7 “(8) a State, Tribal, or local association of  
8 criminal defense attorneys;

9 “(9) not fewer than 2 individuals with expertise  
10 in the design and management of court case man-  
11 agement systems and systems of integration;

12 “(10) not fewer than 2 State or Tribal court  
13 judges with experience in—

14 “(A) the field of domestic violence; and

15 “(B) issuing protective orders; and

16 “(11) a judge assigned to the criminal docket of  
17 the State or Tribal court.

18 “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
20 make grants to eligible entities to carry out the ac-  
21 tivities described in subsection (c) of this section.

22 “(2) NUMBER.—The Attorney General may  
23 award not more than 10 grants under paragraph  
24 (1).



1           “(3) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant award-  
2           ed under paragraph (1) may be not more than  
3           \$1,500,000.

4           “(c) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-  
6           ceives a grant under this section shall use the grant  
7           funds, in consultation with the partners of the eligi-  
8           ble entity described in subsection (a), to—

9                   “(A) develop and implement a program for  
10                  properly and legally serving protection orders  
11                  through electronic communication methods to—

12                           “(i) modernize the service process and  
13                          make the process more effective and effi-  
14                          cient;

15                           “(ii) provide for improved safety of  
16                          victims; and

17                           “(iii) make protection orders enforce-  
18                          able as quickly as possible;

19                   “(B) develop best practices relating to the  
20                  service of protection orders through electronic  
21                  communication methods;

22                   “(C) ensure that the program developed  
23                  under subparagraph (A) complies with due  
24                  process requirements and any other procedures  
25                  required by law or by a court; and

1           “(D) implement any technology necessary  
2           to carry out the program developed under sub-  
3           paragraph (A), such as technology to verify and  
4           track the receipt of a protection order by the  
5           intended party.

6           “(2) TIMELINE.—An eligible entity that re-  
7           ceives a grant under this section shall—

8           “(A) implement the program required  
9           under paragraph (1)(A) not later than 2 years  
10          after the date on which the eligible entity re-  
11          ceives the grant; and

12          “(B) carry out the program required under  
13          paragraph (1)(A) for not fewer than 3 years.

14          “(d) DIVERSITY OF RECIPIENTS.—The Attorney  
15          General shall award grants under this section to eligible  
16          entities in a variety of areas and situations, including, to  
17          the extent practicable—

18          “(1) a State court that serves a population of  
19          not fewer than 1,000,000 individuals;

20          “(2) a State court that—

21                  “(A) serves a State that is among the 7  
22                  States with the lowest population density in the  
23                  United States; and

1           “(B) has a relatively low rate of successful  
2 service with respect to protection orders, as de-  
3 termined by the Attorney General;

4           “(3) a State court that—

5           “(A) serves a State that is among the 7  
6 States with the highest population density in  
7 the United States; and

8           “(B) has a relatively low rate of successful  
9 service with respect to protection orders, as de-  
10 termined by the Attorney General;

11          “(4) a court that uses an integrated, statewide  
12 case management system;

13          “(5) a court that uses a standalone case man-  
14 agement system;

15          “(6) a Tribal court; and

16          “(7) a court that primarily serves a culturally  
17 specific and underserved population.

18          “(e) APPLICATION.—

19          “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a  
20 grant under this section shall submit to the Attorney  
21 General an application that includes—

22          “(A) a description of the process that the  
23 eligible entity uses for service of protection or-  
24 ders at the time of submission of the applica-  
25 tion;

1           “(B) to the extent practicable, statistics re-  
2 relating to protection orders during the 3 cal-  
3 endar years preceding the date of submission of  
4 the application, including rates of—

5                   “(i) successful service; and

6                   “(ii) enforcement;

7           “(C) an initial list of the entities serving as  
8 the partners of the eligible entity described in  
9 subsection (a); and

10           “(D) any other information the Attorney  
11 General may reasonably require.

12           “(2) NO OTHER APPLICATION REQUIRED.—An  
13 eligible entity shall not be required to submit an ap-  
14 plication under section 2102 to receive a grant  
15 under this section.

16           “(f) REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

17                   “(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years  
18 after the date on which an eligible entity receives a  
19 grant under this section, the eligible entity shall sub-  
20 mit to the Attorney General a report that details the  
21 plan of the eligible entity for implementation of the  
22 program under subsection (c).

23                   “(2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—

24                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
25 after the date on which an eligible entity imple-

1           ments a program under subsection (c), and not  
2           later than 2 years thereafter, the eligible entity  
3           shall submit to the Attorney General a report  
4           that describes the program, including, with re-  
5           spect to the program—

6                   “(i) the viability;

7                   “(ii) the cost;

8                   “(iii) service statistics;

9                   “(iv) the challenges;

10                  “(v) an analysis of the technology  
11                  used to fulfill the goals of the program;

12                  “(vi) an analysis of any legal or due  
13                  process issues resulting from the electronic  
14                  service method described in subsection  
15                  (c)(1)(A); and

16                  “(vii) best practices for implementing  
17                  such a program in other similarly situated  
18                  locations.

19                  “(B) CONTENTS OF FINAL REPORT.—An  
20                  eligible entity shall include in the second report  
21                  submitted under subparagraph (A) rec-  
22                  ommendations for—

23                   “(i) future nationwide implementation  
24                   of the program implemented by the eligible  
25                   entity; and

1                   “(ii) usage of electronic service, simi-  
2                   lar to the service used by the eligible enti-  
3                   ty, for other commonly used court orders,  
4                   including with respect to viability and cost.

5           “(g) NO REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES RE-  
6 QUIRED.—Notwithstanding section 2105, the Attorney  
7 General shall not be required to publish regulations or  
8 guidelines implementing this section.

9           “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11 \$10,000,000 for fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

12 **SEC. 1507. ONLINE SURVEY TOOL FOR CAMPUS SAFETY.**

13           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education, in  
14 consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of  
15 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Sec-  
16 retary of Health and Human Services, and experts in do-  
17 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual har-  
18 assment, and stalking, shall develop, design, and make  
19 available through a secure and accessible online portal, a  
20 standardized online survey tool regarding postsecondary  
21 student experiences with domestic violence, dating vio-  
22 lence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking.

23           (b) DEVELOPMENT OF SURVEY TOOL.—In devel-  
24 oping the survey tool required under subsection (a), the  
25 Secretary of Education shall—

1           (1) use best practices from peer-reviewed re-  
2           search measuring domestic violence, dating violence,  
3           sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking;

4           (2) consult with the higher education commu-  
5           nity, experts in survey research related to domestic  
6           violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual har-  
7           assment, and stalking, and organizations engaged in  
8           the prevention of and response to, and advocacy on  
9           behalf of victims of, domestic violence, dating vio-  
10          lence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalk-  
11          ing, including victims from culturally specific popu-  
12          lations and victims with disabilities, regarding the  
13          development and design of such survey tool and the  
14          methodology for administration of such survey tool;  
15          and

16          (3) ensure that the survey tool is readily acces-  
17          sible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

18          (c) ELEMENTS.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—The survey tool developed  
20           pursuant to this section shall be fair and unbiased,  
21           be scientifically valid and reliable, meet the highest  
22           standards of survey research, and notify the partici-  
23           pant that anonymized results of the survey may be  
24           published.

1           (2) SURVEY QUESTIONS.—Survey questions in-  
2           cluded in the survey tool developed pursuant to this  
3           section shall—

4                   (A) be designed to gather information on  
5           student experiences with domestic violence, dat-  
6           ing violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment,  
7           and stalking, including the experiences of vic-  
8           tims of such incidents;

9                   (B) use trauma-informed language to pre-  
10          vent re-traumatization; and

11                  (C) include—

12                   (i) questions that give students the  
13           option to report their demographic infor-  
14           mation;

15                   (ii) questions designed to determine  
16           the incidence and prevalence of domestic  
17           violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
18           sexual harassment, and stalking;

19                   (iii) questions regarding whether stu-  
20           dents know about institutional policies and  
21           procedures related to domestic violence,  
22           dating violence, sexual assault, sexual har-  
23           assment, and stalking;

24                   (iv) questions designed to determine,  
25           if victims reported domestic violence, dat-



1 ing violence, sexual assault, sexual harass-  
2 ment, or stalking—

3 (I) to whom the incident was re-  
4 ported and what response the victim  
5 may have received;

6 (II) whether the victim was in-  
7 formed of, or referred to, national,  
8 State, local, Tribal, or on-campus re-  
9 sources; and

10 (III) whether the entity to whom  
11 the victim reported the incident con-  
12 ducted an investigation and the dura-  
13 tion and final resolution of such an  
14 investigation;

15 (v) questions regarding contextual fac-  
16 tors, such as whether force, incapacitation,  
17 or coercion was involved;

18 (vi) questions to determine whether an  
19 accused individual was a student at the in-  
20 stitution;

21 (vii) questions to determine whether a  
22 victim reported an incident to Federal,  
23 State, local, Tribal, or campus law enforce-  
24 ment;

1 (viii) questions to determine why the  
2 victim chose to report or not report an in-  
3 cident to the institution or State, local, or  
4 campus law enforcement;

5 (ix) questions to determine the impact  
6 of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
7 ual assault, sexual harassment, and stalk-  
8 ing on the victim's education, including di-  
9 minished grades, dropped classes, leaves of  
10 absence, and negative financial con-  
11 sequences (such as costs associated with  
12 loss in paid tuition due to leaves of ab-  
13 sence, loss in scholarship awards due to di-  
14 minished grades, loss of foreign-student  
15 visas, and costs associated with counseling,  
16 medical services, or housing changes);

17 (x) questions to determine the impact  
18 and effectiveness of prevention and aware-  
19 ness programs and complaints processes;

20 (xi) questions to determine attitudes  
21 toward sexual violence and harassment, in-  
22 cluding the willingness of individuals to in-  
23 tervene as a bystander to sex-based (in-  
24 cluding against lesbian, gay, bisexual, or  
25 transgender (commonly referred to as

1           “LGBT”) individuals), race-based, na-  
2           tional origin-based, and disability-based  
3           discrimination, harassment, assault, do-  
4           mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
5           sault, sexual harassment, and stalking; and  
6           (xii) other questions, as determined by  
7           the Secretary of Education.

8           (3) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—In addition to  
9           the standardized questions developed by the Sec-  
10          retary of Education under paragraph (2), subject to  
11          the review and approval of the Secretary of Edu-  
12          cation, an institution of higher education may re-  
13          quest additional information from students that  
14          would increase the understanding of the institution  
15          of school climate factors unique to the campuses af-  
16          filiated with the institution.

17          (4) RESPONSES.—The responses to the survey  
18          questions described in paragraph (2) shall—

19               (A) be submitted confidentially;

20               (B) not be included in crime statistics; and

21               (C) in the case of such responses being in-  
22          cluded in a report, not include personally identi-  
23          fiable information.

24          (d) ADMINISTRATION OF SURVEY.—

1           (1) FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-  
2           retary of Education, in consultation with the Attor-  
3           ney General, the Director of the Centers for Disease  
4           Control and Prevention, and the Secretary of Health  
5           and Human Services, shall develop a mechanism by  
6           which institutions of higher education may, with re-  
7           spect to the survey tool developed pursuant to this  
8           section—

9                   (A) administer such survey tool; and

10                   (B) modify such survey tool to include ad-  
11           ditional elements or requirements, as deter-  
12           mined by the institution, subject to the review  
13           and approval of the Secretary of Education.

14           (2) COSTS.—The Secretary of Education may  
15           not require an institution of higher education to pay  
16           to modify the survey tool in accordance with para-  
17           graph (1)(B).

18           (3) ACCESSIBILITY.—The Secretary of Edu-  
19           cation shall ensure that the survey tool is adminis-  
20           tered in such a way as to be readily accessible to  
21           and usable by individuals with disabilities.

22           (4) INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION.—Begin-  
23           ning not later than 1 year after the date on which  
24           the Secretary of Education makes available to insti-  
25           tutions the mechanism described in paragraph (1),

1 and every 2 years thereafter, each institution of  
2 higher education that receives Federal educational  
3 assistance shall administer the survey tool developed  
4 pursuant to this section.

5 (e) COMPLETED SURVEYS.—The Secretary of Edu-  
6 cation shall require each institution of higher education  
7 that administers the survey tool developed pursuant to this  
8 section to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that  
9 an adequate, random, and representative sample size of  
10 students (as determined by the Secretary) enrolled at the  
11 institution complete the survey tool developed pursuant to  
12 this section.

13 (f) REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 2  
15 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
16 Secretary of Education shall—

17 (A) prepare a biennial report on the infor-  
18 mation gained from the standardized elements  
19 of the survey under this section and publish  
20 such report in an accessible format on the  
21 website of the Department of Education, in-  
22 cluding as part of any online consumer tool of-  
23 fered or supported by the Department of Edu-  
24 cation that provides information to students re-  
25 garding specific postsecondary educational insti-

1           tutions, such as the College Scorecard or any  
2           successor or similar tool; and

3                   (B) submit such report to Congress.

4           (2) INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.—The report  
5           required to be prepared under paragraph (1)—

6                   (A) shall include campus-level data for  
7           each institution and attributed by name of each  
8           campus in a manner that permits comparisons  
9           across institutions and campuses; and

10                   (B) shall not publish any individual survey  
11           responses.

12           (g) PUBLICATION.—Each institution of higher edu-  
13           cation shall publish, in a manner that is readily accessible  
14           and usable by individuals, including individuals with dis-  
15           abilities—

16                   (1) the campus-level results of the standardized  
17           elements of the survey under this section on the  
18           website of the institution and in the biennial report  
19           required under subsection (f) for the campuses affili-  
20           ated with the institution; and

21                   (2) the campus-level results of the additional  
22           elements modifying the survey by the institution, if  
23           any, on the website of the institution.

1 **SEC. 1508. STUDY ON CHILD CUSTODY IN DOMESTIC VIO-**  
2 **LENCE CASES.**

3 The Attorney General, in consultation with the Sec-  
4 retary of Health and Human Services, shall conduct a  
5 study that shall—

6 (1) provide a review of State laws, regulations,  
7 and practices on how child neglect and custody situ-  
8 ations are handled in domestic violence situations;  
9 and

10 (2) include a list of recommendations on how to  
11 restructure State laws, regulations, and practices to  
12 better protect victims of domestic violence and their  
13 children.

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