

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1585

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## AN ACT

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 Reauthorization Act of 2019”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Universal definitions and grant conditions.
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circumcision.
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- Sec. 101. Stop grants.
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- Sec. 106. Criminal provisions.
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- Sec. 109. Grants for lethality assessment programs.

TITLE II—IMPROVING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

- Sec. 201. Sexual assault services program.
- Sec. 202. Sexual Assault Services Program.
- Sec. 203. Rural domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and  
child abuse enforcement assistance program.
- Sec. 204. Training and services to end violence against people with disabilities.
- Sec. 205. Training and services to end abuse in later life.
- Sec. 206. Demonstration program on trauma-informed training for law enforce-  
ment.

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. Combat online predators.

TITLE IV—VIOLENCE REDUCTION PRACTICES

- Sec. 401. Study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Sec. 402. Saving Money and Reducing Tragedies (SMART) through Prevention  
grants.

TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS  
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- Sec. 501. Grants to strengthen the healthcare systems response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

## 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. United States Housing Act of 1937 amendments.

## 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. Entitlement to unemployment compensation for victims of sexual and other harassment and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Sec. 704. Study and reports on barriers to survivors' economic security access.
- Sec. 705. GAO Study.
- Sec. 706. Education and information programs for survivors.
- Sec. 707. Severability.

## TITLE VIII—HOMICIDE REDUCTION INITIATIVES

- Sec. 801. Prohibiting persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes against dating partners and persons subject to protection orders.
- Sec. 802. Prohibiting stalkers and individuals subject to court order from possessing a firearm.

## TITLE IX—SAFETY FOR INDIAN WOMEN

- Sec. 901. Findings and purposes.
- Sec. 902. Authorizing funding for the tribal access program.
- Sec. 903. Tribal jurisdiction over crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, obstruction of justice, sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, and assault of a law enforcement officer or corrections officer.
- Sec. 904. Annual reporting requirements.
- Sec. 905. Report on the response of law enforcement agencies to reports of missing or murdered Indians.

## TITLE X—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Sec. 1001. Establishment of Office on Violence Against Women.
- Sec. 1002. Report of the Attorney General on the effects of the shutdown.

TITLE XI—IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN IN FEDERAL  
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- Sec. 1101. Improving the treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals in federal prisons.
- Sec. 1102. Public health and safety of women.
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TITLE XII—LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOLS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

- Sec. 1201. Notification to law enforcement agencies of prohibited purchase or attempted purchase of a firearm.
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- Sec. 1203. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.

TITLE XIII—CLOSING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSENT LOOPHOLE

- Sec. 1301. Short title.
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- Sec. 1303. Incentives for States.
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TITLE XIV—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 1401. National stalker and domestic violence reduction.
- Sec. 1402. Federal victim assistants reauthorization.
- Sec. 1403. Child abuse training programs for judicial personnel and practitioners reauthorization.
- Sec. 1404. Sex offender management.
- Sec. 1405. Court-appointed special advocate program.
- Sec. 1406. Rape kit backlog.
- Sec. 1407. Sexual assault forensic exam program grants.
- Sec. 1408. Review on link between substance use and victims of domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Sec. 1409. Interagency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence.
- Sec. 1410. National Domestic Violence Hotline.
- Sec. 1411. Rule of construction regarding compliance with immigration laws.

TITLE XV—CYBERCRIME ENFORCEMENT

- Sec. 1501. Local law enforcement grants for enforcement of cybercrimes.
- Sec. 1502. National Resource Center Grant.
- Sec. 1503. National strategy, classification, and reporting on cybercrime.

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

2 Section 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act

3 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “In this title” and insert-  
2 ing “In this title, including for the purpose of  
3 grants authorized under this Act”;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (34)  
5 through (45) as paragraphs (42) through (53);

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (33) the  
7 following:

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

16 “(40) TECHNOLOGICAL ABUSE.—The term  
17 ‘technological abuse’ means behavior intended to  
18 harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass,  
19 impersonate, or monitor, except as otherwise per-  
20 mitted by law, another person, that occurs using the  
21 Internet, internet enabled devices, social networking  
22 sites, computers, mobile devices, cellular telephones,  
23 apps, location tracking devices, instant messages,  
24 text messages, or other forms of technology. Techno-  
25 logical abuse may include—

1           “(A) unwanted, repeated telephone calls,  
2 text messages, instant messages, or social  
3 media posts;

4           “(B) non-consensual accessing e-mail ac-  
5 counts, texts or instant messaging accounts, so-  
6 cial networking accounts, or cellular telephone  
7 logs;

8           “(C) controlling or restricting a person’s  
9 ability to access technology with the intent to  
10 isolate them from support and social connec-  
11 tion;

12           “(D) using tracking devices or location  
13 tracking software for the purpose of monitoring  
14 or stalking another person’s location;

15           “(E) impersonating a person (including  
16 through the use of spoofing technology in photo  
17 or video or the creation of accounts under a  
18 false name) with the intent to deceive or cause  
19 harm; or

20           “(F) sharing or urging or compelling the  
21 sharing of another person’s private information,  
22 photographs, or videos without their consent.

23           “(41) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.—The  
24 terms ‘female genital mutilation’, ‘female genital  
25 cutting’, ‘FGM/C’, or ‘female circumcision’ mean the

1 intentional removal or infibulation (or both) of either  
2 the whole or part of the external female genitalia for  
3 non-medical reasons. External female genitalia in-  
4 cludes the pubis, labia minora, labia majora, clitoris,  
5 and urethral and vaginal openings.”;

6 (D) in paragraph (19)(B), by striking  
7 “and probation” and inserting “probation, and  
8 vacatur or expungement”;

9 (E) by redesignating paragraphs (13)  
10 through (33) as paragraphs (18) through (38);

11 (F) by striking paragraphs (11) and (12)  
12 and inserting the following:

13 “(13) DIGITAL SERVICES.—The term ‘digital  
14 services’ means services, resources, information, sup-  
15 port or referrals provided through electronic commu-  
16 nications platforms and media, whether via mobile  
17 device technology, video technology, or computer  
18 technology, including utilizing the internet, as well  
19 as any other emerging communications technologies  
20 that are appropriate for the purposes of providing  
21 services, resources, information, support, or referrals  
22 for the benefit of victims of domestic violence, dating  
23 violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

24 “(14) ECONOMIC ABUSE.—The term ‘economic  
25 abuse’, in the context of domestic violence, dating vi-

1       olence, and abuse in later life, means behavior that  
2       is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls or re-  
3       strains a person’s ability to acquire, use, or maintain  
4       economic resources to which they are entitled, in-  
5       cluding using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to—

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

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

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

18              “(15) ELDER ABUSE.—The term ‘elder abuse’  
19              has the meaning given that term in section 2 of the  
20              Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act. The  
21              terms ‘abuse,’ ‘elder,’ and ‘exploitation’ have the  
22              meanings given those terms in section 2011 of the  
23              Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j).

24              “(16) FORCED MARRIAGE.—The term ‘forced  
25              marriage’ means a marriage to which one or both



1 parties do not or cannot consent, and in which one  
2 or more elements of force, fraud, or coercion is  
3 present. Forced marriage can be both a cause and  
4 a consequence of domestic violence, dating violence,  
5 sexual assault or stalking.

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

8 (G) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and

9 (10) as paragraphs (11) and (12), respectively;

10 (H) by amending paragraph (8) to read as

11 follows:

12 “(10) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-  
13 tic violence’ means a pattern of behavior involving  
14 the use or attempted use of physical, sexual, verbal,  
15 emotional, economic, or technological abuse or any  
16 other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solie-  
17 ited to gain or maintain power and control over a  
18 victim, by a person who—

19 “(A) is a current or former spouse or dat-  
20 ing partner of the victim, or other person simi-  
21 larly situated to a spouse of the victim under  
22 the family or domestic violence laws of the ju-  
23 risdiction;

24 “(B) is cohabitating with or has  
25 cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or dat-

1 ing partner, or other person similarly situated  
2 to a spouse of the victim under the family or  
3 domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction;

4 “(C) shares a child in common with the  
5 victim;

6 “(D) is an adult family member of, or paid  
7 or nonpaid caregiver for, a victim aged 50 or  
8 older or an adult victim with disabilities; or

9 “(E) commits acts against a youth or adult  
10 victim who is protected from those acts under  
11 the family or domestic violence laws of the ju-  
12 risdiction.”;

13 (I) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and  
14 (7) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively;

15 (J) by amending paragraph (5) to read as  
16 follows:

17 “(7) COURT-BASED AND COURT-RELATED PER-  
18 SONNEL.—The terms ‘court-based personnel’ and  
19 ‘court-related personnel’ mean persons working in  
20 the court, whether paid or volunteer, including—

21 “(A) clerks, special masters, domestic rela-  
22 tions officers, administrators, mediators, cus-  
23 tody evaluators, guardians ad litem, lawyers,  
24 negotiators, probation, parole, interpreters, vic-  
25 tim assistants, victim advocates, and judicial,

1 administrative, or any other professionals or  
2 personnel similarly involved in the legal process;

3 “(B) court security personnel;

4 “(C) personnel working in related, supple-  
5 mentary offices or programs (such as child sup-  
6 port enforcement); and

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

12 (K) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
13 through (4) as paragraphs (4) through (6) re-  
14 spectively;

15 (L) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
16 following:

17 “(3) ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE RESPONSE.—The  
18 term ‘alternative justice response’ means a process,  
19 whether court-ordered or community-based, that—

20 “(A) involves, on a voluntary basis, and to  
21 the extent possible, those who have committed  
22 a specific offense and those who have been  
23 harmed as a result of the offense;

24 “(B) has the goal of collectively seeking ac-  
25 countability from the accused, and developing a

1 process whereby the accused will take responsi-  
2 bility for his or her actions, and a plan for pro-  
3 viding relief to those harmed, through allocu-  
4 tion, restitution, community service, or other  
5 processes upon which the victim, the accused,  
6 the community, and the court (if court-ordered)  
7 can agree;

8 “(C) is conducted in a framework that pro-  
9 tects victim safety and supports victim auton-  
10 omy; and

11 “(D) provides that information disclosed  
12 during such process may not be used for any  
13 other law enforcement purpose, including im-  
14 peachment or prosecution, without the express  
15 permission of all participants.”;

16 (M) by redesignating paragraph (1) as  
17 paragraph (2); and

18 (N) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as  
19 redesignated in subparagraph (M) of this para-  
20 graph) the following:

21 “(1) ABUSE IN LATER LIFE.—The term ‘abuse  
22 in later life’ means neglect, abandonment, domestic  
23 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
24 of an adult over the age of 50 by any person, or eco-  
25 nomic abuse of that adult by a person in an ongoing,

1 relationship of trust with the victim. Self-neglect is  
2 not included in this definition.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs  
6 (F) and (G) as subparagraphs (H) and (I);

7 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph  
8 (E) the following:

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

20 (iii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
21 (D) through (E) as subparagraphs (E)  
22 through (F); and

23 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph  
24 (C) the following:

1           “(D) USE OF TECHNOLOGY.—Grantees  
2           and subgrantees may use telephone, internet,  
3           and other technologies to protect the privacy,  
4           location and help-seeking activities of victims  
5           using services. Such technologies may include—

6                   “(i) software, apps or hardware that  
7                   block caller ID or conceal IP addresses, in-  
8                   cluding instances in which victims use dig-  
9                   ital services; or

10                   “(ii) technologies or protocols that in-  
11                   hibit or prevent a perpetrator’s attempts to  
12                   use technology or social media to threaten,  
13                   harass or harm the victim, the victim’s  
14                   family, friends, neighbors or co-workers, or  
15                   the program providing services to them.”;

16           (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting after  
17           “designed to reduce or eliminate domestic vio-  
18           lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-  
19           ing” the following: “provided that the confiden-  
20           tiality and privacy requirements of this title are  
21           maintained, and that personally identifying in-  
22           formation about adult, youth, and child victims  
23           of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
24           sault and stalking is not requested or included

1 in any such collaboration or information-shar-  
2 ing”;

3 (C) in paragraph (6), by adding at the end  
4 the following: “However, such disbursing agen-  
5 cies must ensure that the confidentiality and  
6 privacy requirements of this title are main-  
7 tained in making such reports, and that person-  
8 ally identifying information about adult, youth  
9 and child victims of domestic violence, dating  
10 violence, sexual assault and stalking is not re-  
11 quested or included in any such reports.”;

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

21 (E) in paragraph (13)—

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

1 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
2 “section 3789d of title 42, United States  
3 Code” and inserting “section 809 of title I  
4 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
5 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10228)”;

6 (F) in paragraph (14), by inserting after  
7 “are also victims of” the following: “forced  
8 marriage, or”; and

9 (G) in paragraph (16)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking  
11 “\$20,000 in Department funds, unless the  
12 Deputy Attorney General” and inserting  
13 “\$100,000 in Department funds, unless  
14 the Director or Principal Deputy Director  
15 of the Office on Violence Against Women,  
16 the Deputy Attorney General,”; and

17 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(E) INELIGIBILITY.—If the Attorney  
20 General finds that a recipient of grant funds  
21 under this Act has fraudulently misused such  
22 grant funds, after reasonable notice and oppor-  
23 tunity for a hearing, such recipient shall not be  
24 eligible to receive grant funds under this Act  
25 for up to 5 years. A misuse of grant funds or



1 an error that does not rise to the level of fraud  
2 is not grounds for ineligibility.”; and

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

4 “(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—For purposes of this  
5 Act, nothing may be construed to preclude the term ‘do-  
6 mestic violence’ from including economic abuse each place  
7 the term ‘domestic violence’ occurs unless doing so would  
8 trigger an extension of effective date under section  
9 703(f)(1)(B) of the Violence Against Women Reauthoriza-  
10 tion Act of 2019.”.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORTING ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION, FE-**  
12 **MALE GENITAL CUTTING, OR FEMALE CIR-**  
13 **CUMCISION.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the Federal Bu-  
15 reau of Investigation shall, pursuant to section 534 of title  
16 28, United States Code, classify the offense of female gen-  
17 ital mutilation, female genital cutting, or female circumci-  
18 sion as a part II crime in the Uniform Crime Reports.

19 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the terms “female  
20 genital mutilation”, “female genital cutting”, “FGM/C”,  
21 or “female circumcision” mean the intentional removal or  
22 infibulation (or both) of either the whole or part of the  
23 external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. Exter-  
24 nal female genitalia includes the pubis, labia minora, labia  
25 majora, clitoris, and urethral and vaginal openings.

1 **SEC. 4. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT COORDINATION.**

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

9 **TITLE I—ENHANCING LEGAL**  
10 **TOOLS TO COMBAT DOMES-**  
11 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIO-**  
12 **LENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT,**  
13 **AND STALKING**

14 **SEC. 101. STOP GRANTS.**

15       (a) IN GENERAL.—Part T of title I of the Omnibus  
16 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
17 10441 et seq.) is amended—

18           (1) in section 2001(b)—

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

24                   (B) in paragraph (9)—

25                           (i) by striking “older and disabled  
26 women” and inserting “people 50 years of

1 age or over and people with disabilities”;

2 and

3 (ii) by striking “older and disabled in-  
4 dividuals” and inserting “people”;

5 (C) in paragraph (19), by striking “and”  
6 at the end;

7 (D) in paragraph (20), by striking the pe-  
8 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (E) by inserting after paragraph (20), the  
10 following:

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

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

22 “(ii) found such a perpetrator to be guilty  
23 of misdemeanor or felony crimes of domestic vi-  
24 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-  
25 ing; and

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

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

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

18          “(23) providing victim advocates in State or  
19          local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors’ offices,  
20          and courts and providing supportive services and ad-  
21          vocacy to urban American Indian and Alaska Native  
22          victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
23          assault, and stalking.”;

24                 (2) in section 2007—

25                         (A) in subsection (d)—

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

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

6 “(5) proof of compliance with the requirements  
7 regarding protocols to strongly discourage compel-  
8 ling victim testimony, described in section 2017;

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

13 (B) in subsection (i)—

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

16 “and the requirements under section  
17 40002(b) of the Violent Crime Control and  
18 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
19 12291(b))”; and

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

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

24 “(k) REVIEWS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NON-  
25 DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If allegations of discrimina-  
2           tion in violation of section 40002(b)(13)(A) of the  
3           Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
4           12291(b)(13)(A)) by a potential grantee under this  
5           part have been made to the Attorney General, the  
6           Attorney General shall, prior to awarding a grant  
7           under this part to such potential grantee, conduct a  
8           review of the compliance of the potential grantee  
9           with such section.

10           “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF RULE.—Not later  
11           than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Vio-  
12           lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019,  
13           the Attorney General shall by rule establish proce-  
14           dures for such a review.

15           “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning on the date  
16           that is 1 year after the date of enactment of the Vio-  
17           lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019,  
18           the Attorney General shall report to the Committees  
19           on the Judiciary of the Senate and of the House of  
20           Representatives regarding compliance with section  
21           40002(b)(13)(A) of the Violence Against Women Act  
22           of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(A)) by recipients  
23           of grants under this part.”; and

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

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

3 “In order to be eligible for a grant under this part,  
4 a State, Indian tribal government, territorial government,  
5 or unit of local government shall certify that, not later  
6 than 3 years after the date of enactment of this section,  
7 their laws, policies, or practices will include a detailed pro-  
8 tocol to discourage the use of bench warrants, material  
9 witness warrants, perjury charges, or other means of com-  
10 pelling victim-witness testimony in the investigation, pros-  
11 ecution, trial, or sentencing of a crime related to the do-  
12 mestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking  
13 of the victim.”.

14 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section  
15 1001(a)(18) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
16 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(18)) is amended  
17 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2020  
18 through 2024”.

19 **SEC. 102. GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RE-**  
20 **SPONSE.**

21 (a) **HEADING.**—Part U of title I of the Omnibus  
22 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
23 10461 et seq.) is amended in the heading, by striking  
24 **“GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES”** and in-  
25 serting **“GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUS-**  
26 **TICE RESPONSE”**.

1 (b) GRANTS.—Section 2101 of the Omnibus Crime  
2 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461)  
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
5 following:

6 “(a) GENERAL PROGRAM PURPOSE.—The purpose of  
7 this part is to assist States, State and local courts (includ-  
8 ing juvenile courts), Indian tribal governments, tribal  
9 courts, and units of local government to develop and  
10 strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution  
11 strategies to combat violent crimes against women, and  
12 to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involv-  
13 ing violent crimes against women.”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

18 (B) in paragraph (8)—

19 (i) by striking “older individuals (as  
20 defined in section 102 of the Older Ameri-  
21 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002))” and  
22 inserting “people 50 years of age or over”;  
23 and

24 (ii) by striking “individuals with dis-  
25 abilities (as defined in section 3(2) of the



1 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
2 (42 U.S.C. 12102(2))” and inserting  
3 “people with disabilities (as defined in the  
4 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
5 (42 U.S.C. 12102))”;

6 (C) in paragraph (19), by inserting before  
7 the period at the end the following “, including  
8 victims among underserved populations (as de-  
9 fined in section 40002(a)(46) of the Violence  
10 Against Women Act of 1994)”;

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

12 “(23) To develop and implement an alternative  
13 justice response (as such term is defined in section  
14 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of  
15 1994).

16 “(24) To develop and implement policies, proce-  
17 dures, protocols, laws, regulations, or training to en-  
18 sure the lawful recovery and storage of any dan-  
19 gerous weapon by the appropriate law enforcement  
20 agency from an adjudicated perpetrator of any of-  
21 fense of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
22 sault, or stalking, and the return of such weapon  
23 when appropriate, where any Federal, State, tribal,  
24 or local court has—

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

3           “(ii) found such a perpetrator to be guilty  
4           of misdemeanor or felony crimes of domestic vi-  
5           olence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-  
6           ing; and

7           “(B) ordered the perpetrator to relinquish  
8           dangerous weapons that the perpetrator pos-  
9           sesses or has used in the commission of at least  
10          one of the aforementioned crimes.

11         Policies, procedures, protocols, laws, regulations, or  
12         training under this section shall include the safest  
13         means of recovery of and best practices for storage  
14         of relinquished and recovered dangerous weapons  
15         and their return, when applicable, at such time as  
16         the persons are no longer prohibited from possessing  
17         such weapons under Federal, State, Tribal or munic-  
18         ipal law.”; and

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

20                         (A) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

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

7                   “(F) certify that, not later than 3 years  
8                   after the date of the enactment of this subpara-  
9                   graph, their laws, policies, or practices will in-  
10                  clude a detailed protocol to strongly discourage  
11                  the use of bench warrants, material witness  
12                  warrants, perjury charges, or other means of  
13                  compelling victim-witness testimony in the in-  
14                  vestigation, prosecution, trial, or sentencing of  
15                  a crime related to the domestic violence, sexual  
16                  assault, dating violence or stalking of the vic-  
17                  tim; and”.

18                  (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
19                  1001(a)(19) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
20                  Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(19)) is amended  
21                  by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2020  
22                  through 2024”.

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

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of division B of the  
3 Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of  
4 2000 (34 U.S.C. 20121) is amended—

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

9 (2) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after  
11 “stalking, and sexual assault” the following: “,  
12 or for dependents when necessary for the safety  
13 of a victim”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting after  
15 “stalking, and sexual assault” the following: “,  
16 or for dependents when necessary for the safety  
17 of a victim,”; and

18 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after  
19 “sexual assault, or stalking” the following: “, or  
20 for dependents when necessary for the safety of  
21 a victim,”; and

22 (3) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “2014  
23 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

24 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
26 of the United States shall submit to Congress a report

1 on the return on investment for legal assistance grants  
2 awarded pursuant to section 1201 of division B of the Vic-  
3 tims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000  
4 (34 U.S.C. 20121), including an accounting of the amount  
5 saved, if any, on housing, medical, or employment social  
6 welfare programs.

7 **SEC. 104. GRANTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THE JUSTICE**  
8 **SYSTEM.**

9 Section 1301 of division B of the Victims of Traf-  
10 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.  
11 12464) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at  
14 the end;

15 (B) in paragraph (8)—

16 (i) by striking “to improve” and in-  
17 serting “improve”; and

18 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
19 and inserting “; and”; and

20 (C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the  
21 following:

22 “(9) develop and implement an alternative jus-  
23 tice response (as such term is defined in section  
24 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of  
25 1994).”; and

1 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2014 through  
2 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

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

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

8 (1) in subsection (d)—

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

11 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-  
12 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

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

19 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through  
20 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

21 **SEC. 106. CRIMINAL PROVISIONS.**

22 Section 2265 of title 18, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (d)(3)—

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

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:  
4 “The prohibition under this paragraph applies  
5 to all protection orders for the protection of a  
6 person residing within a State, territorial, or  
7 tribal jurisdiction, whether or not the protection  
8 order was issued by that State, territory, or  
9 Tribe.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the  
11 following: “This applies to all Alaska tribes without  
12 respect to ‘Indian country’ or the population of the  
13 Native village associated with the Tribe.”.

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

15 Section 409 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking  
16 Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. 21308) is amended by striking  
17 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through  
18 2024”.

19 **SEC. 108. ENHANCING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES**  
20 **FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DAT-**  
21 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND**  
22 **STALKING.**

23 Section 121(a) of the Violence Against Women and  
24 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34

1 U.S.C. 20124(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3           “(3) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-**  
4           **PRIATIONS.**—In addition to the amounts made avail-  
5           able under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be  
6           appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for  
7           each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”.

8 **SEC. 109. GRANTS FOR LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PRO-**  
9           **GRAMS.**

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

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

18           (1) rapidly connects a victim of domestic vio-  
19 lence to local community-based victim service pro-  
20 viders;

21           (2) helps first responders and others in the jus-  
22 tice system, including courts, law enforcement agen-  
23 cies, and prosecutors of tribal government and units  
24 of local government, identify and respond to possibly  
25 lethal circumstances; and



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

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

8           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9           are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out  
10          this section for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

11          (e) DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in this section have  
12          the meanings given such terms in section 40002 of the  
13          Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

14          **TITLE II—IMPROVING SERVICES**  
15                                  **FOR VICTIMS**

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

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

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

22               (2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “2014  
23               through 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

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

2 Section 41601(f)(1) of the Violent Crime Control and  
3 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511(f)(1))  
4 is amended by striking “\$40,000,000 to remain available  
5 until expended for each of fiscal years 2014 through  
6 2018” and inserting “\$60,000,000 to remain available  
7 until expended for each of fiscal years 2020 through  
8 2024”.

9 **SEC. 203. RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**  
10 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND CHILD**  
11 **ABUSE ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
12 **GRAM.**

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

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

18 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “2014  
19 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

20 **SEC. 204. TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE**  
21 **AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

22 Section 1402 of division B of the Victims of Traf-  
23 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.  
24 20122) is amended—

25 (1) in the heading, by striking “**WOMEN**” and  
26 inserting “**PEOPLE**”;

1 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “individuals”  
2 each place it appears and inserting “people”;

3 (3) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by striking “disabled individuals” each  
5 place it appears and inserting “people with dis-  
6 abilities”;

7 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting after  
8 “law enforcement” the following: “and other  
9 first responders”; and

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

13 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “disabled indi-  
14 viduals” and inserting “people with disabilities”; and

15 (5) in subsection (e), by striking “2014 through  
16 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

17 **SEC. 205. TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END ABUSE IN**  
18 **LATER LIFE.**

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

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

23 (2) by striking subsection “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—  
24 In this section—” and all that follows through para-  
25 graph (1) of subsection (b) and inserting the fol-

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

3               (3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
4       (5) of subsection (b) as paragraphs (1) through (4);  
5               (4) in paragraph (1) (as redesignated by para-  
6       graph (3) of this subsection)—

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

10              (B) in subparagraph (A)—

11                      (i) in clause (i), by inserting after  
12       “elder abuse” the following: “and abuse in  
13       later life”;

14                      (ii) in clauses (ii) and (iii), by insert-  
15       ing after “victims of” the following: “elder  
16       abuse and”; and

17                      (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “advo-  
18       cates, victim service providers, and courts  
19       to better serve victims of abuse in later  
20       life” and inserting “leaders, victim advo-  
21       cates, victim service providers, courts, and  
22       first responders to better serve older vic-  
23       tims”;

24              (C) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) in clause (i), by striking “or other  
2 community-based organizations in recog-  
3 nizing and addressing instances of abuse in  
4 later life” and inserting “community-based  
5 organizations, or other professionals who  
6 may identify or respond to abuse in later  
7 life”; and

8 (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting after  
9 “victims of” the following: “elder abuse  
10 and”; and

11 (D) in subparagraph (D), by striking “sub-  
12 paragraph (B)(ii)” and inserting “paragraph  
13 (2)(B)”;

14 (5) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by para-  
15 graph (3))—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “over  
17 50 years of age” and inserting “50 years of age  
18 or over”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “in  
20 later life” and inserting “50 years of age or  
21 over”; and

22 (6) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-  
23 graph (3)), by striking “2014 through 2018” and  
24 inserting “2020 through 2024”.

1 **SEC. 206. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-IN-**  
2 **FORMED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

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

6 **“Subtitle Q—Trauma-informed**  
7 **Training for Law Enforcement**

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

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

18 “(A) an individual working for or on behalf  
19 of an eligible entity;

20 “(B) a school or university administrator;  
21 and

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

24 “(3) the term ‘demonstration site’, with respect  
25 to an eligible entity that receives a grant under this  
26 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; and

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

12           “(A) a State, local, territorial, or Tribal  
13           law enforcement agency; or

14           “(B) a national, regional, or local victim  
15           services organization or agency working in col-  
16           laboration with a law enforcement agency de-  
17           scribed in subparagraph (A).

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 carry out the demonstration program under  
22           this section by implementing evidence-based or  
23           promising policies and practices to incorporate trau-  
24           ma-informed techniques designed to—

1           “(A) prevent re-traumatization of the vic-  
2           tim;

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

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

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

17          “(E) evaluate the effectiveness of the  
18          training process and content by measuring—

19                 “(i) investigative and prosecutorial  
20                 practices and outcomes; and

21                 “(ii) the well-being of victims and  
22                 their satisfaction with the criminal justice  
23                 process.

24          “(2) TERM.—The Attorney General shall make  
25          grants under this section for each of the first 2 fis-



1 cal years beginning after the date of enactment of  
2 this Act.

3 “(3) AWARD BASIS.—The Attorney General  
4 shall award grants under this section to multiple eli-  
5 gible entities for use in a variety of settings and  
6 communities, including—

7 “(A) urban, suburban, Tribal, remote, and  
8 rural areas;

9 “(B) college campuses; or

10 “(C) traditionally underserved commu-  
11 nities.

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

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

20 “(A) conducting victim interviews in a  
21 manner that—

22 “(i) elicits valuable information about  
23 the domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
24 ual assault, or stalking; and

1                   “(ii) avoids re-traumatization of the  
2                   victim;

3                   “(B) conducting field investigations that  
4                   mirror best and promising practices available at  
5                   the time of the investigation;

6                   “(C) customizing investigative approaches  
7                   to ensure a culturally and linguistically appro-  
8                   priate approach to the community being served;

9                   “(D) becoming proficient in understanding  
10                  and responding to complex cases, including  
11                  cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
12                  ual assault, or stalking—

13                         “(i) facilitated by alcohol or drugs;

14                         “(ii) involving strangulation;

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

16                         “(iv) committed by an individual of  
17                         the same sex as the victim;

18                         “(v) involving a victim with a dis-  
19                         ability;

20                         “(vi) involving a male victim; or

21                         “(vii) involving a lesbian, gay, bisex-  
22                         ual, or transgender (commonly referred to  
23                         as ‘LGBT’) victim;

24                   “(E) developing collaborative relationships  
25                   between—

1           “(i) law enforcement officers and  
2           other members of the response team; and

3           “(ii) the community being served; and

4           “(F) developing an understanding of how  
5           to define, identify, and correctly classify a re-  
6           port of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
7           ual assault, or stalking; and

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

18          “(d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TRAININGS ON  
19 TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES.—

20                 “(1) IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING  
21 TRAININGS.—

22                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General  
23                 shall identify trainings for law enforcement offi-  
24                 cers, in existence as of the date on which the

1 Attorney General begins to solicit applications  
2 for grants under this section, that—

3 “(i) employ a trauma-informed ap-  
4 proach to domestic violence, dating vio-  
5 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

6 “(ii) focus on the fundamentals of—

7 “(I) trauma responses; and

8 “(II) the impact of trauma on  
9 victims of domestic violence, dating vi-  
10 olence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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

17 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-  
18 graph (1), the Attorney General shall consult with  
19 the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime in  
20 order to seek input from and cultivate consensus  
21 among outside practitioners and other stakeholders  
22 through facilitated discussions and focus groups on  
23 best practices in the field of trauma-informed care  
24 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
25 ual 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.—The At-  
19 torney General shall carry out this section using amounts  
20 otherwise available to the Attorney General.

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

1 **TITLE III—SERVICES, PROTEC-**  
2 **TION, AND JUSTICE FOR**  
3 **YOUNG VICTIMS**

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

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

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting before  
9 the semicolon at the end the following “or dig-  
10 ital services (as such term is defined in section  
11 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of  
12 1994)”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “sexual  
14 assault” and inserting “sexual violence, sexual  
15 assault, and sexual harassment”;

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

18 (3) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
20 “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014  
21 through 2018” and inserting “\$150,000,000  
22 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”;  
23 and

24 (B) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end  
25 the following: “Not less than 80 percent of the

1 total amount made available under this sub-  
2 section in each fiscal year shall be awarded in  
3 accordance with this paragraph.”; and

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

5 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
6 of the enactment of the Violence Against Women Reau-  
7 thorization Act of 2019, the Secretary, acting through the  
8 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
9 tion, shall submit to Congress, the Committee on Appro-  
10 priations and the Committee on Energy and Commerce  
11 of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on  
12 Appropriations and the Committee on Health, Education,  
13 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the activi-  
14 ties funded by grants awarded under this section and best  
15 practices relating to rape prevention and education.”.

16 **SEC. 302. CREATING HOPE THROUGH OUTREACH, OPTIONS,**  
17 **SERVICES, AND EDUCATION (CHOOSE) FOR**  
18 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

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

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

2 “Grants awarded under this section may be  
3 used to address sex trafficking or bullying as  
4 part of a comprehensive program focused pri-  
5 marily on domestic violence, dating violence,  
6 sexual assault, or stalking.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
10 graph (A), by striking “target youth who  
11 are victims of domestic violence, dating vi-  
12 olence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex  
13 trafficking” and inserting “target youth,  
14 including youth in underserved populations  
15 who are victims of domestic violence, dat-  
16 ing violence, sexual assault, stalking, and  
17 sex trafficking”;

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

20 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
21 the period at the end and inserting a semi-  
22 colon; and

23 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph  
24 (C) the following:



1           “(D) clarify State or local mandatory re-  
2           porting policies and practices regarding peer-to-  
3           peer dating violence, sexual assault, stalking,  
4           and sex trafficking; or

5           “(E) develop, enlarge, or strengthen cul-  
6           turally specific programs and projects to pro-  
7           vide culturally specific services regarding, re-  
8           sponses to, and prevention of female genital  
9           mutilation, female genital cutting, or female cir-  
10          cumcision.”; and

11           (B) in paragraph (2)—

12           (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
13           “stalking, or sex trafficking” and inserting  
14           “stalking, sex trafficking, or female genital  
15           mutilation, female genital cutting, or fe-  
16           male circumcision”;

17           (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
18           “confidential” before “support services”;  
19           and

20           (iii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting  
21           after “programming for youth” the fol-  
22           lowing: “, including youth in underserved  
23           populations,”;

24           (3) in subsection (c)—

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

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

7 (4) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “stalking,  
8 and sex trafficking” and inserting “and stalking, in-  
9 cluding training on working with youth in under-  
10 served populations (and, where intervention or pro-  
11 gramming will include a focus on female genital mu-  
12 tilation, female genital cutting, or female circumci-  
13 sion, or on sex trafficking, sufficient training on  
14 those topics)”;

15 (5) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000  
16 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
17 serting “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
18 through 2024”.

19 **SEC. 303. GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIMES ON CAM-**  
20 **PUSES.**

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

24 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

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

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

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

1 ratively with experts in intimate partner and sexual  
2 violence prevention and intervention.”;

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

6 (D) in paragraph (9), by striking “and  
7 provide” and inserting “, provide, and dissemi-  
8 nate”;

9 (E) in paragraph (10), by inserting after  
10 “or adapt” the following “and disseminate”;  
11 and

12 (F) by inserting after paragraph (10) the  
13 following:

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

24 “(12) To train campus personnel in how to use  
25 a victim-centered, trauma-informed interview tech-

1 nique, which means asking questions of a student or  
2 a campus employee who is reported to be a victim  
3 of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic vio-  
4 lence, dating violence, or stalking, in a manner that  
5 is focused on the experience of the reported victim,  
6 that does not judge or blame the reported victim for  
7 the alleged crime, and that is informed by evidence-  
8 based research on the neurobiology of trauma. To  
9 the extent practicable, campus personnel shall allow  
10 the reported victim to participate in a recorded  
11 interview and to receive a copy of the recorded inter-  
12 view.

13 “(13) To develop and implement an alternative  
14 justice response (as such term is defined in section  
15 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of  
16 1994).”;

17 (2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “2014  
18 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”;

19 (3) in subsection (d)—

20 (A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “for  
21 all incoming students” and inserting “for all  
22 students”;

23 (B) by amending paragraph (3)(D) to read  
24 as follows:

1           “(D) The grantee shall train all partici-  
2 pants in the resolution process, including the  
3 Title IX coordinator’s office and student con-  
4 duct office, to respond effectively to situations  
5 involving domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
6 ual assault, or stalking.”; and

7           (C) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting after  
8 “sex,” the following: “sexual orientation, gender  
9 identity,”; and

10          (4) in subsection (e), by striking “\$12,000,000  
11 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
12 serting “\$16,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
13 through 2024”.

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

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

23           (2) an assessment of best practices and guid-  
24 ance from the evaluation described in paragraph (1),

1 which shall be made publicly available online to uni-  
2 versities and college campuses to use as a resource.

3 **SEC. 304. COMBAT ONLINE PREDATORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 110A of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2261A  
6 the following:

7 **“§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
9 (b), if the victim of an offense under section 2261A is  
10 under the age of 18 years, the maximum term of imprison-  
11 ment for the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum  
12 term of imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense  
13 in section 2261.

14 “(b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to  
15 a person who violates section 2261A if—

16 “(1) the person is subject to a sentence under  
17 section 2261(b)(5); and

18 “(2)(A) the person is under the age of 18 at  
19 the time the offense occurred; or

20 “(B) the victim of the offense is not less than  
21 15 nor more than 17 years of age and not more  
22 than 3 years younger than the person who com-  
23 mitted the offense at the time the offense oc-  
24 curred.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 at the beginning of chapter 110A of title 18, United States  
3 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
4 section 2261A the following new item:

“2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children.”.

5           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2261A of  
6 title 18, United States Code, is amended in the matter  
7 following paragraph (2)(B), by striking “section 2261(b)  
8 of this title” and inserting “section 2261(b) or section  
9 2261B, as the case may be”.

10          (d) REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING EN-  
11 FORCEMENT OF ANTI-STALKING LAWS.—Not later than  
12 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
13 Attorney General shall submit a report to Congress, which  
14 shall—

15               (1) include an evaluation of Federal, tribal,  
16 State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to  
17 stalking; and

18               (2) identify and describe those elements of such  
19 efforts that constitute the best practices for the en-  
20 forcement of such laws.



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 “2014 through  
12          2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

13   **SEC. 402. SAVING MONEY AND REDUCING TRAGEDIES**  
14                   **(SMART) THROUGH PREVENTION GRANTS.**

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

17                   (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

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

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

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

23                                   “(E) strategies within each of these areas  
24                   addressing the unmet needs of underserved pop-  
25                   ulations.”;

1 (2) in subsection (d)(3)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
3 “and” at the end;

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

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

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

9 (3) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000  
10 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
11 sserting “\$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
12 through 2024”; and

13 (4) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the  
14 following:

15 “(3) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Any amounts not  
16 made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) may be  
17 used for any set of purposes described in paragraphs  
18 (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (b), or for a project  
19 that fulfills two or more of such sets of purposes.”.

1 **TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE**  
2 **HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS RE-**  
3 **SPONSE**

4 **SEC. 501. GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTHCARE SYS-**  
5 **TEMS RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,**  
6 **DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND**  
7 **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 (2), by striking “and” at  
12 the end;

13 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
14 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

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

21 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting “,  
23 including labor and sex trafficking” after  
24 “other forms of violence and abuse”;

25 (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

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

2 (ii) by striking “patients by increas-  
3 ing” and all that follows through the semi-  
4 colon and inserting the following: “patients  
5 by—

6 “(I) increasing the capacity of  
7 existing health care professionals, in-  
8 cluding specialists in trauma and in  
9 behavioral health care, and public  
10 health staff to address domestic vio-  
11 lence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
12 stalking, and children exposed to vio-  
13 lence;

14 “(II) contracting with or hiring  
15 advocates for victims of domestic vio-  
16 lence or sexual assault to provide such  
17 services; or

18 “(III) providing funding to State  
19 domestic and sexual violence coalitions  
20 to improve the capacity of such coali-  
21 tions to coordinate and support health  
22 advocates and other health system  
23 partnerships;”;

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

1 (D) in subparagraph (B)(iv) by striking  
2 the period at the end and inserting the fol-  
3 lowing: “, with priority given to programs ad-  
4 ministered through the Health Resources and  
5 Services Administration, Office of Women’s  
6 Health; and”;

7 (E) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the  
8 end the following:

9 “(v) the development, implementation,  
10 dissemination, and evaluation of best prac-  
11 tices, tools, and training materials for be-  
12 havioral health professionals to identify  
13 and respond to domestic violence, sexual  
14 violence, stalking, and dating violence.”;

15 (3) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—

16 (A) in the heading, by striking “CHILD  
17 AND ELDER ABUSE” and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing: “CHILD ABUSE AND ABUSE IN LATER  
19 LIFE”;

20 (B) by striking “child or elder abuse” and  
21 inserting the following: “child abuse or abuse in  
22 later life”;

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

1           (5) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iii), by striking “or”  
2           at the end;

3           (6) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iv)—

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

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

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

10                         “(v) development of a State-level pilot  
11                         program to—

12                                 “(I) improve the response of sub-  
13                                 stance use disorder treatment pro-  
14                                 grams and systems to domestic vio-  
15                                 lence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
16                                 and stalking; and

17                                 “(II) improve the capacity of  
18                                 substance use disorder treatment pro-  
19                                 grams and systems to serve survivors  
20                                 of domestic violence, dating violence,  
21                                 sexual assault, and stalking dealing  
22                                 with substance use disorder; or

23                                 “(vi) development and utilization of  
24                                 existing technical assistance and training  
25                                 resources to improve the capacity of sub-

1           stance use disorder treatment programs to  
2           address domestic violence, dating violence,  
3           sexual assault, and stalking among pa-  
4           tients the programs serve.”;

5           (8) in subsection (d)(2)(A)—

6                 (A) by inserting “or behavioral health”  
7           after “of health”;

8                 (B) by inserting “behavioral” after “phys-  
9           ical or”; and

10                (C) by striking “mental” before “health  
11           care”;

12           (9) in subsection (d)(2)(B)—

13                 (A) by striking “or health system” and in-  
14           serting “behavioral health treatment system”;  
15           and

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

18           (10) in subsection (f) in the heading, by strik-  
19           ing “RESEARCH AND EVALUATION” and inserting  
20           “RESEARCH, EVALUATION, AND DATA COLLEC-  
21           TION”;

22           (11) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “research  
23           and evaluation” and inserting “research, evaluation,  
24           or data collection”;

1 (12) in subsection (f)(1)(B), by inserting after  
2 “health care” the following: “or behavioral health”;

3 (13) in subsection (f)(2)—

4 (A) in the heading, by inserting after “RE-  
5 SEARCH” the following: “AND DATA COLLEC-  
6 TION”;

7 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
8 (A), by inserting “or data collection” before  
9 “authorized in paragraph (1)”;

10 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
11 “and” at the end;

12 (D) in subparagraph (D), by striking the  
13 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;  
14 and

15 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
16 the following:

17 “(E) research on the intersection of sub-  
18 stance use disorder and domestic violence, dat-  
19 ing violence, sexual assault, and stalking, in-  
20 cluding the effect of coerced use and efforts by  
21 an abusive partner or other to interfere with  
22 substance use disorder treatment and recovery;  
23 and

24 “(F) improvement of data collection using  
25 existing Federal surveys by including questions



1 about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
2 assault, or stalking and substance use disorder,  
3 coerced use, and mental or behavioral health.”;  
4 (14) in subsection (g), by striking “2014  
5 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”;  
6 and  
7 (15) in subsection (h), by striking “herein” and  
8 “provided for”.

## 9 **TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR** 10 **VICTIMS**

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

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

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

19 (B) in paragraph (3)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
21 before the semicolon at the end the fol-  
22 lowing: “including the direct loan program  
23 under such section”;

24 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
25 “the program under subtitle A” and in-

1           serting “the programs under subtitles A  
2           through D”;

3           (iii) in subparagraph (I)—

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

12          (II) by striking “and” at the end;

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

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

17          “(K) the provision of assistance from the  
18          Housing Trust Fund as established under sec-  
19          tion 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises  
20          Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992  
21          (12 U.S.C. 4501);

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

1 chapter II of chapter 20 of title 38, United  
2 States Code (38 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

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

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

13 “(O) any other Federal housing programs  
14 providing affordable housing to low-income per-  
15 sons by means of restricted rents or rental as-  
16 sistance as identified by the appropriate agen-  
17 cy.”; and

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

19 “(4) COVERED HOUSING PROVIDER.—The term  
20 ‘covered housing provider’ refers to the individual or  
21 entity under a covered housing program that has re-  
22 sponsibility for the administration or oversight of  
23 housing assisted under a covered housing program  
24 and includes public housing agencies, sponsors, own-  
25 ers, mortgagors, managers, grantee under the Con-

1       tinuum of Care, State and local governments or  
2       agencies thereof, and nonprofit or for-profit organi-  
3       zations or entities.

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

9               “(6) INTERNAL TRANSFER.—The term ‘internal  
10       transfer’ means an emergency transfer under sub-  
11       section (e) from a unit of a covered housing provider  
12       to a unit of the same covered housing provider and  
13       under the same covered housing program except for  
14       programs under the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-  
15       sistance Act that can transfer to any unit of the  
16       same covered housing provider.

17               “(7) EXTERNAL TRANSFER.—The term ‘exter-  
18       nal transfer’ means an emergency transfer under  
19       subsection (e) from a unit of a covered housing pro-  
20       vider to a unit of a different covered housing pro-  
21       vider under the same covered housing program.”;

22               (2) in subsection (b)(3)—

23                       (A) in the heading, by inserting after  
24               “CRIMINAL ACTIVITY” the following: “AND FAM-  
25               ILY BREAK-UP”;

1 (B) by amending subparagraph (A) to read  
2 as follows:

3 “(A) DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE, TENANCY,  
4 AND OCCUPANCY RIGHTS PROHIBITED.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A tenant shall not  
6 be denied assistance, tenancy, or occu-  
7 pancy rights to housing assisted under a  
8 covered housing program solely on the  
9 basis of criminal activity directly relating  
10 to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
11 ual assault, or stalking that is engaged in  
12 by a member of the household of the ten-  
13 ant or any guest or other person under the  
14 control of the tenant, if the tenant or an  
15 affiliated individual of the tenant is the  
16 victim or threatened victim of such domes-  
17 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
18 or stalking.

19 “(ii) CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ENGAGED IN  
20 BY PERPETRATOR OF ABUSE.—A tenant  
21 shall not be denied assistance, tenancy, or  
22 occupancy rights to housing assisted under  
23 a covered housing program solely on the  
24 basis of criminal activity, including drug-  
25 related criminal activity (as such term is

1 defined section 3(b)(9) of the United  
2 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
3 1437a(b)(9)), engaged in by the perpe-  
4 trator of the domestic violence, dating vio-  
5 lence, sexual assault, or stalking.

6 “(iii) REVIEW PRIOR TO DENIAL OF  
7 ASSISTANCE.—Prior to denying assistance,  
8 tenancy, or occupancy rights to housing as-  
9 sisted under a covered housing program to  
10 a tenant on the basis of criminal activity of  
11 the tenant, including drug-related criminal  
12 activity, the covered housing provider must  
13 conduct an individualized review of the to-  
14 tality of the circumstances regarding the  
15 criminal activity at issue if the tenant is a  
16 victim of domestic violence, dating violence,  
17 sexual assault, or stalking. Such review  
18 shall include consideration of—

19 “(I) the nature and severity of  
20 the criminal activity;

21 “(II) the amount of time that  
22 has elapsed since the occurrence of  
23 the criminal activity;

24 “(III) if the tenant engaged in  
25 more than one instance of criminal ac-

1                   tivity, the frequency and duration of  
2                   the criminal activity;

3                   “(IV) whether the criminal activ-  
4                   ity was related to a symptom of a dis-  
5                   ability, including a substance use dis-  
6                   order;

7                   “(V) whether the victim was co-  
8                   erced by the perpetrator of domestic  
9                   violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
10                  sault, or stalking;

11                  “(VI) whether the victim has  
12                  taken affirmative steps to reduce the  
13                  likelihood that the criminal activity  
14                  will recur; and

15                  “(VII) any mitigating factors.

16                  The covered housing program must provide  
17                  the tenant with a written summary of its  
18                  review and the tenant shall have the oppor-  
19                  tunity to invoke the covered housing pro-  
20                  gram’s grievance policy to dispute the find-  
21                  ings.”;

22                  (C) in subparagraph (B)—

23                   (i) in the heading, by striking “BI-  
24                   FURCATION” and inserting “FAMILY  
25                   BREAK-UP”;

1 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i) and  
2 (ii) as clauses (ii) and (iii) respectively;

3 (iii) by inserting before clause (ii) (as  
4 redesignated by clause (ii) of this subpara-  
5 graph) the following:

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If a family break-  
7 up results from an occurrence of domestic  
8 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
9 stalking, and the perpetrator no longer re-  
10 sides in the unit and was the sole tenant  
11 eligible to receive assistance under a cov-  
12 ered housing program, the covered housing  
13 provider shall—

14 “(I) provide any other tenant or  
15 resident the opportunity to establish  
16 eligibility for the covered housing pro-  
17 gram; or

18 “(II) provide that tenant or resi-  
19 dent with at least 180 days to remain  
20 in the unit under the same terms and  
21 conditions as the perpetrator and find  
22 new housing or establish eligibility for  
23 another covered housing program.”;

24 (iv) in clause (ii) (as redesignated by  
25 clause (ii) of this subparagraph)—



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

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

9 (v) by striking clause (iii) (as redesign-  
10 nated by clause (ii) of this subparagraph);

11 (D) in subparagraph (C)—

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

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

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

18 “(v) to limit any right, remedy, or  
19 procedure otherwise available under the Vi-  
20 olence Against Women Reauthorization Act  
21 of 2005 (Public Law 109–162, 119 Stat.  
22 2960) prior to the date of enactment of the  
23 Violence Against Women Reauthorization  
24 Act of 2019.”; and

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

3 “(D) EARLY TERMINATION.—A covered  
4 housing provider shall permit a tenant assisted  
5 under the covered housing program to termi-  
6 nate the lease at any time prior to the end date  
7 of the lease, without penalty, if the tenant has  
8 been a victim of domestic violence, dating vio-  
9 lence, sexual assault, or stalking and the ten-  
10 ant—

11 “(i) sends notice of the early lease ter-  
12 mination to the landlord in writing prior to  
13 or within 3 days of vacating the premises  
14 unless a shorter notice period is provided  
15 for under State law;

16 “(ii)(I) reasonably believes that the  
17 tenant is threatened with imminent harm  
18 if the tenant remains within the same  
19 dwelling unit subject to the lease; or

20 “(II) is a victim of sexual assault, the  
21 sexual assault occurred on the premises  
22 during the 180-day period preceding the  
23 request for lease termination; and

1                   “(iii) provides a form of documenta-  
2                   tion consistent with the requirements out-  
3                   lined in subsection (c)(3).

4                   Nothing in this subparagraph may be construed  
5                   to preclude any automatic termination of a  
6                   lease by operation of law.”;

7                   (3) in subsection (c)(4), in the matter preceding  
8                   subparagraph (A)—

9                   (A) by striking “Any information sub-  
10                  mitted to a public housing agency or owner or  
11                  manager” and inserting “Covered housing pro-  
12                  viders shall ensure any information submitted”;  
13                  and

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

17                  (4) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
18                  lows:

19                  “(e) EMERGENCY TRANSFERS.—

20                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—A tenant who is a victim of  
21                  domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
22                  stalking may apply for an emergency transfer to an-  
23                  other available and safe dwelling unit assisted under  
24                  a covered housing program, and the covered housing  
25                  provider shall grant such application if—

1           “(A) the tenant expressly requests the  
2 transfer from the covered housing provider; and

3           “(B)(i) the tenant reasonably believes that  
4 the tenant is threatened with imminent harm  
5 from further violence if the tenant remains  
6 within the same dwelling unit assisted under a  
7 covered housing program; or

8           “(ii) in the case of a tenant who is a victim  
9 of sexual assault, the sexual assault occurred on  
10 the premises during the 180 day period pre-  
11 ceding the request for transfer.

12       A tenant who is not in good standing retains the  
13 right to an emergency transfer if they meet the eligi-  
14 bility requirements in this section and the eligibility  
15 requirements of the program to which the tenant in-  
16 tends to transfer.

17           “(2) POLICIES.—Each appropriate agency shall  
18 adopt an emergency transfer policy for use by cov-  
19 ered housing programs. Such emergency transfer  
20 policies shall reflect the variations in program oper-  
21 ation and administration by covered housing pro-  
22 gram type. The policies must, at a minimum—

23           “(A) describe a process that—

24           “(i) permits tenants who are victims  
25 of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-

1 ual assault, or stalking to move to another  
2 available and safe dwelling quickly through  
3 an internal transfer and by receiving a ten-  
4 ant protection voucher, if eligible, pursuant  
5 to subsection (f);

6 “(ii) provides that the victim can  
7 choose between completing an internal  
8 transfer or receiving a tenant protection  
9 voucher, whichever is the safest option for  
10 the victim; and

11 “(iii) requires that an internal trans-  
12 fer must occur within 10 days after a cov-  
13 ered housing provider’s approval of a re-  
14 quest for an emergency transfer;

15 “(B) describe a process to permit tenants  
16 who are victims of domestic violence, dating vio-  
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking to complete an  
18 external transfer;

19 “(C) describe a process that allows a vic-  
20 tim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
21 assault, or stalking to temporarily relocate,  
22 while maintaining eligibility for the covered  
23 housing program without the loss of their hous-  
24 ing status, if there are no alternative com-  
25 parable housing program units available, until a

1 safe housing unit under the covered housing  
2 program or a tenant protection voucher is avail-  
3 able;

4 “(D) prioritize completing internal trans-  
5 fers and receiving tenant protection vouchers  
6 over external transfers, except for Continua of  
7 Care, which shall prioritize completing an inter-  
8 nal transfer or external transfer prior to receiv-  
9 ing a tenant protection voucher;

10 “(E) mandate that internal and external  
11 transfers take priority over non-emergency  
12 transfers;

13 “(F) mandate that internal and external  
14 transfers are not considered new applicants and  
15 take priority over existing waiting lists for a  
16 covered housing program;

17 “(G) incorporate confidentiality measures  
18 to ensure that the appropriate agency and the  
19 covered housing provider do not disclose any in-  
20 formation regarding a tenant who is victim of  
21 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
22 sault, or stalking, including the location of a  
23 new dwelling unit to any person or entity with-  
24 out the written authorization of the tenant;

1           “(H) mandate that if a victim cannot re-  
2           ceive an internal transfer, external transfer, and  
3           a tenant protection voucher, then the covered  
4           housing provider must assist the victim in iden-  
5           tifying other housing providers who may have  
6           safe and available units to which the victim can  
7           move and that the covered housing provider  
8           also assist tenants in contacting local organiza-  
9           tions offering assistance to victims; and

10           “(I) mandate a uniform policy for how a  
11           victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
12           ual assault, or stalking requests an internal or  
13           external transfer.

14           “(3) LOCAL SYSTEMS FUNDED BY CONTINUUM  
15           OF CARE.—In addition to adopting the policies as  
16           defined in paragraph (2) in an emergency transfer  
17           policy, each grantee under the Continuum of Care  
18           shall designate the entity within its geographic area  
19           that will coordinate and facilitate emergency trans-  
20           fers, and that entity shall also—

21           “(A) coordinate external transfers among  
22           all covered housing providers participating in  
23           the Continuum of Care;

24           “(B) identify an external transfer, if avail-  
25           able, within 30 days of an approved request;

1           “(C) coordinate emergency transfers with  
2           Continua of Care in other jurisdictions in cases  
3           where the victim requests an out-of-jurisdiction  
4           transfer; and

5           “(D) ensure a victim is not required to be  
6           reassessed through the local Continuum of Care  
7           intake process when seeking an emergency  
8           transfer placement.

9           “(4) REGIONAL OFFICES.—Each regional office  
10          of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-  
11          ment (hereinafter in this section referred to as a  
12          ‘HUD regional office’) shall develop and implement  
13          a regional emergency transfer plan in collaboration  
14          with public housing agencies and the entities des-  
15          ignated under paragraph (3). Such a plan shall set  
16          forth how public housing agencies will coordinate  
17          emergency transfers with other public housing agen-  
18          cies regionally. The plans must be submitted to the  
19          Violence Against Women Director and be made pub-  
20          licly available. HUD regional offices shall defer to  
21          any additional emergency transfer policies, priorities  
22          and strategies set by entities designated under para-  
23          graph (3).

24          “(5) COVERED HOUSING PROVIDERS.—Each  
25          covered housing provider shall develop and imple-



1       ment an emergency transfer policy consistent with  
2       the requirements in paragraph (2) or (3).”;

3           (5) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the  
4       following: “The Secretary shall establish these poli-  
5       cies and procedures within 60 days after the date of  
6       enactment of the Violence Against Women Reau-  
7       thorization Act of 2019.”;

8           (6) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
9       section (k); and

10          (7) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
11       lowing:

12       “(g) EMERGENCY TRANSFER POLICIES AND PROCE-  
13       DURES.—The head of each appropriate agency shall estab-  
14       lish the policy required under subsection (e) with respect  
15       to emergency transfers and emergency transfer vouchers  
16       within 180 days after the date of enactment of the Vio-  
17       lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019.

18       “(h) EMERGENCY TRANSFER VOUCHERS.—Provision  
19       of emergency transfer vouchers to victims of domestic vio-  
20       lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under  
21       subsection (e), shall be considered an eligible use of any  
22       funding for tenant protection voucher assistance available  
23       under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
24       1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) subject to the availability of  
25       appropriated funds.

1       “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out emergency  
3 transfers under this section, \$20,000,000 under section  
4 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
5 1437f(o)) for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

6       “(j) TRAINING AND REFERRALS.—

7               “(1) TRAINING FOR STAFF OF COVERED HOUS-  
8       ING PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Housing and  
9       Urban Development, in partnership with domestic  
10       violence experts, shall develop mandatory training  
11       for staff of covered housing providers to provide a  
12       basic understanding of domestic violence, dating vio-  
13       lence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to facilitate  
14       implementation of this section. All staff of covered  
15       housing providers shall attend the basic under-  
16       standing training once annually; and all staff and  
17       managers engaged in tenant services shall attend  
18       both the basic understanding training and the imple-  
19       mentation training once annually.

20               “(2) REFERRALS.—The appropriate agency  
21       with respect to each covered housing program shall  
22       supply all appropriate staff of the covered housing  
23       providers with a referral listing of public contact in-  
24       formation for all domestic violence, dating violence,

1 sexual assault, and stalking service providers offer-  
2 ing services in its coverage area.”.

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

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

9 **“SEC. 41412. COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.**

10 “(a) ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.—Each appro-  
11 priate agency administering a covered housing program  
12 shall establish a process by which to review compliance  
13 with the requirements of this subtitle, on an annual basis,  
14 of the covered housing providers administered by that  
15 agency. Such a review shall examine the following topics:

16 “(1) Covered housing provider compliance with  
17 requirements prohibiting the denial of assistance,  
18 tenancy, or occupancy rights on the basis of domes-  
19 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-  
20 ing.

21 “(2) Covered housing provider compliance with  
22 confidentiality provisions set forth in section  
23 41411(c)(4).

1           “(3) Covered housing provider compliance with  
2 the notification requirements set forth in section  
3 41411(d)(2).

4           “(4) Covered housing provider compliance with  
5 accepting documentation set forth in section  
6 41411(e).

7           “(5) Covered housing provider compliance with  
8 emergency transfer requirements set forth in section  
9 41411(e).

10           “(6) Covered housing provider compliance with  
11 the prohibition on retaliation set forth in section  
12 41414.

13           “(b) REGULATIONS.—Each appropriate agency shall  
14 issue regulations to implement subsection (a) not later  
15 than 1 year after the effective date of the Violence Against  
16 Women Reauthorization Act of 2019. These regulations  
17 shall—

18           “(1) define standards of compliance for covered  
19 housing providers;

20           “(2) include detailed reporting requirements, in-  
21 cluding the number of emergency transfers re-  
22 quested and granted, as well as the length of time  
23 needed to process emergency transfers,  
24 disaggregated by external and internal transfers;  
25 and

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

4           “(c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Each appropriate agen-  
5           cy shall ensure that an agency-level assessment of the in-  
6           formation collected during the compliance review process  
7           completed pursuant to this subsection is made publicly  
8           available. This agency-level assessment shall include an  
9           evaluation of each topic identified in subsection (a).

10          “(d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
11          section shall be construed—

12                 “(1) to limit any claim filed or other proceeding  
13                 commenced, by the date of enactment of the Vio-  
14                 lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019,  
15                 with regard to any right, remedy, or procedure oth-  
16                 erwise available under the Violence Against Women  
17                 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162,  
18                 119 Stat. 2960), as in effect on the day prior to  
19                 such date of enactment; or

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

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

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

8 “(b) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

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

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

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

25 “(4) provide technical assistance, coordination,  
26 and support to each appropriate agency regarding

1       advancing housing protections and access to housing  
2       for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
3       ual assault, and stalking, including compliance with  
4       this subtitle;

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

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

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

21                      “(A) such corrective action plans shall be  
22                      developed in partnership with national, State,  
23                      or local programs focused on child or adult vic-  
24                      tims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
25                      ual assault, or stalking; and

1           “(B) such corrective action plans shall in-  
2           clude provisions requiring covered housing pro-  
3           viders to review and develop appropriate no-  
4           tices, procedures, and staff training to improve  
5           compliance with this subtitle, in partnership  
6           with national, state, or local programs focused  
7           on child or adult victims;

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

11          “(9) coordinate the development of interagency  
12          guidelines to ensure that information concerning  
13          available dwelling units is forwarded to the Director  
14          by all covered housing providers for use by the Sec-  
15          retary in facilitating the emergency transfer process;

16          “(10) coordinate with HUD regional offices and  
17          officials at each appropriate agency the development  
18          of Federal regulations, policy, protocols, and guide-  
19          lines regarding uniform timeframes for the comple-  
20          tion of emergency transfers; and

21          “(11) ensure that the guidance and notices to  
22          victims are distributed in commonly encountered lan-  
23          guages.

24          “(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
25          section shall be construed—



1           “(1) to limit any claim filed or other proceeding  
2           commenced, by the date of enactment of the Vio-  
3           lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019,  
4           with regard to any right, remedy, or procedure oth-  
5           erwise available under the Violence Against Women  
6           Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162,  
7           119 Stat. 2960), as in effect on the day prior to  
8           such date of enactment; or

9           “(2) to supersede any provision of any Federal,  
10          State, or local law that provides greater protection  
11          than this section for victims of domestic violence,  
12          dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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

14          “(a) NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—No cov-  
15          ered housing provider shall discriminate against any per-  
16          son because that person has opposed any act or practice  
17          made unlawful by this subtitle, or because that individual  
18          testified, assisted, or participated in any matter related  
19          to this subtitle.

20          “(b) PROHIBITION ON COERCION.—No covered hous-  
21          ing provider shall coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere  
22          with, or retaliate against, any person in the exercise or  
23          enjoyment of, or on account of the person having exercised  
24          or enjoyed, or on account of the person having aided or  
25          encouraged any other individual in the exercise or enjoy-

1 ment of, any rights or protections under this subtitle, in-  
 2 cluding—

3 “(1) intimidating or threatening any person be-  
 4 cause that person is assisting or encouraging an in-  
 5 dividual entitled to claim the rights or protections  
 6 under this subtitle; and

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

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

15 **SEC. 603. PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME**  
 16 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title  
 18 IV of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
 19 12491 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amend-  
 20 ed by inserting after section 41414 the following:

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

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Landlords, homeowners, resi-  
 24 dents, occupants, and guests of, and applicants for, hous-  
 25 ing assisted under a covered housing program shall have

1 the right to seek law enforcement or emergency assistance  
2 on their own behalf or on behalf of another person in need  
3 of assistance, and shall not be penalized based on their  
4 requests for assistance or based on criminal activity of  
5 which they are a victim or otherwise not at fault under  
6 statutes, ordinances, regulations, or policies adopted or en-  
7 forced by covered governmental entities as defined in sub-  
8 section (d). Penalties that are prohibited include—

9           “(1) actual or threatened assessment of pen-  
10       alties, fees, or fines;

11           “(2) actual or threatened eviction;

12           “(3) actual or threatened refusal to rent or  
13       renew tenancy;

14           “(4) actual or threatened refusal to issue an oc-  
15       cupancy permit or landlord permit; and

16           “(5) actual or threatened closure of the prop-  
17       erty, or designation of the property as a nuisance or  
18       a similarly negative designation.

19       “(b) REPORTING.—Consistent with the process pro-  
20       vided for in section 104(b) of the Housing and Community  
21       Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(b)), covered  
22       governmental entities shall—

23           “(1) report any of their laws or policies, or, as  
24       applicable, the laws or policies adopted by sub-  
25       grantees, that impose penalties on landlords, home-

1 owners, residents, occupants, guests, or housing ap-  
2 plicants based on requests for law enforcement or  
3 emergency assistance or based on criminal activity  
4 that occurred at a property; and

5 “(2) certify that they are in compliance with  
6 the protections under this subtitle or describe the  
7 steps they will take within 180 days to come into  
8 compliance, or to ensure compliance among sub-  
9 grantees.

10 “(c) OVERSIGHT.—Oversight and accountability  
11 mechanisms provided for under title VIII of the Civil  
12 Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall be avail-  
13 able to address violations of this section.

14 “(d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section,  
15 ‘covered governmental entity’ shall mean any municipal,  
16 county, or state government that receives funding pursu-  
17 ant to section 106 of the Housing and Community Devel-  
18 opment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306).

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

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

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

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

11 “(I) Programs for the development and im-  
12 plementation of alternative methods of reducing  
13 crime in communities, to supplant punitive pro-  
14 grams or policies. For purposes of this subpara-  
15 graph, a punitive program or policy is a pro-  
16 gram or policy that (i) imposes a penalty on a  
17 victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
18 ual assault, or stalking, on the basis of a re-  
19 quest by the victim for law enforcement or  
20 emergency assistance; or (ii) imposes a penalty  
21 on such a victim because of criminal activity at  
22 the property in which the victim resides.”.

23 (2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USE OF COPS  
24 FUNDS.—Section 1701(b) of part Q of title I of the

1 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
2 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

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

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

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

8 “(24) to develop and implement alternative  
9 methods of reducing crime in communities, to sup-  
10 plant punitive programs or policies (as such term is  
11 defined in section 501(a)(1)(I)).”

12 (3) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USE OF GRANTS  
13 TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES.—Section 2101(b)  
14 of part U of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
15 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461(b)),  
16 as amended by this Act, is further amended by add-  
17 ing at the end the following:

18 “(25) To develop and implement alternative  
19 methods of reducing crime in communities, to sup-  
20 plant punitive programs or policies. For purposes of  
21 this paragraph, a punitive program or policy is a  
22 program or policy that (A) imposes a penalty on a  
23 victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
24 assault, or stalking, on the basis of a request by the  
25 victim for law enforcement or emergency assistance;

1 or (B) imposes a penalty on such a victim because  
2 of criminal activity at the property in which the vic-  
3 tim resides.”.

4 **SEC. 604. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS**  
5 **FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DAT-**  
6 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALK-**  
7 **ING.**

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

10 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
11 paragraph (1)—

12 (A) by striking “the Director of the Vio-  
13 lence Against Women Office” and inserting  
14 “the Director of the Office on Violence Against  
15 Women”; and

16 (B) by inserting after “, other nonprofit,  
17 nongovernmental organizations” the following:  
18 “, population-specific organizations”; and

19 (2) in subsection (g)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2014  
21 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through  
22 2024”;

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

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

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

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

10 “(13) Facilitating and coordinating activities to  
11 ensure compliance with section 41411(e) of the Vio-  
12 lence Against Women Act of 1994, including, in con-  
13 sultation with the regional office (if applicable) of  
14 the appropriate agency (as such term is defined in  
15 section 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of  
16 1994), development of external transfer memoranda  
17 of understanding between covered housing providers,  
18 participating in the local Continua of Care, facilita-  
19 tion of external transfers between those covered  
20 housing providers participating in the local Continua  
21 of Care, and monitoring compliance with the con-  
22 fidentiality protections of section 41411(c)(4) of the  
23 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 for reporting  
24 to that regional office.”.



1 (b) DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND  
2 OTHER DANGEROUS OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS  
3 AMENDED.—Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento  
4 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(b)) is amend-  
5 ed to read as follows:

6 “(b) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER DANGEROUS  
7 OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding  
8 any other provision of this section, the Secretary shall con-  
9 sider to be homeless any individual or family who—

10 “(1) is fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic  
11 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking,  
12 and who have no other residence and lack resources  
13 to obtain other permanent housing; or

14 “(2) is fleeing or attempting to flee a dangerous  
15 or life-threatening condition in the individual’s or  
16 family’s current housing situation, including where  
17 the health and safety of children are jeopardized and  
18 who have no other residence and lack the resources  
19 or support networks to obtain other permanent  
20 housing.”.

21 (c) COLLABORATIVE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE  
22 LONG-TERM STABILITY OF VICTIMS.—Section 41404(i)  
23 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.  
24 12474(i)) is amended by striking “2014 through 2018”  
25 and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

1 (d) GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST  
2 WOMEN IN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.—Section  
3 41405 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34  
4 U.S.C. 12475) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “the Director  
6 of the Violence Against Women Office” and insert-  
7 ing “the Director of the Office on Violence Against  
8 Women”;

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

13 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through  
14 2018” and inserting the following: “2020 through  
15 2024”.

16 **SEC. 606. UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937 AMEND-**  
17 **MENTS.**

18 Section 5A(d) of the United States Housing Act of  
19 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c–1(d)) is amended—

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

22 “(13) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,  
23 SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING PROGRAMS.—

24 “(A) COPIES.—A copy of—

1           “(i) all standardized notices issued  
2           pursuant to the housing protections under  
3           subtitle N of the Violence Against Women  
4           Act of 1994, including the notice required  
5           under section 41411(d) of the Violence  
6           Against Women Act of 1994;

7           “(ii) the emergency transfer plan  
8           issued pursuant to section 41411 of the  
9           Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

10          “(iii) any and all memoranda of un-  
11          derstanding with other covered housing  
12          providers developed to facilitate emergency  
13          transfers under section 41411(e) of the Vi-  
14          olence Against Women Act of 1994.

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

16          “(i) any activities, services, or pro-  
17          grams provided or offered by an agency, ei-  
18          ther directly or in partnership with other  
19          service providers, to child or adult victims  
20          of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
21          ual assault, or stalking;

22          “(ii) any activities, services, or pro-  
23          grams provided or offered by a public  
24          housing agency that helps child and adult  
25          victims of domestic violence, dating vio-

1           lence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain  
2           or maintain housing;

3           “(iii) any activities, services, or pro-  
4           grams provided or offered by a public  
5           housing agency to prevent domestic vio-  
6           lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and  
7           stalking, or to enhance victim safety in as-  
8           sisted families; and

9           “(iv) all training and support services  
10          offered to staff of the public housing agen-  
11          cy to provide a basic understanding of do-  
12          mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
13          sault, and stalking, and to facilitate imple-  
14          mentation of the housing protections of  
15          section 41411 of the Violence Against  
16          Women Act of 1994.”; and

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

## 20 **TITLE VII—ECONOMIC SECURITY** 21 **FOR VICTIMS**

### 22 **SEC. 701. FINDINGS.**

23          Congress finds the following:

24           (1) Over 1 in 3 women experience sexual vio-  
25          lence, and 1 in 5 women have survived completed or

1 attempted rape. Such violence has a devastating im-  
2 pact on women's physical and emotional health, fi-  
3 nancial security, and ability to maintain their jobs,  
4 and thus impacts interstate commerce and economic  
5 security.

6 (2) The Office on Violence Against Women of  
7 the Department of Justice defines domestic violence  
8 as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship  
9 that is used by one intimate partner to gain or  
10 maintain power and control over another intimate  
11 partner. Domestic violence can include physical, sex-  
12 ual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or  
13 threats of actions that influence another person. Do-  
14 mestic violence includes any behaviors that intimi-  
15 date, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, ter-  
16 rorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or  
17 wound an individual.

18 (3) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
19 vention report that domestic violence or intimate  
20 partner violence is a serious public health issue for  
21 millions of individuals in the United States. Nearly  
22 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men in the United States  
23 have suffered sexual violence, physical violence, or  
24 stalking by an intimate partner.

1           (4) Transgender and gender non-conforming  
2           people face extraordinary levels of physical and sex-  
3           ual violence.

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

7           (6) The American Foundation for Suicide Pre-  
8           vention has found that transgender and gender non-  
9           conforming people had an elevated prevalence of sui-  
10          cide attempts, especially when they have suffered  
11          physical or sexual violence.

12          (7) 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          (8) Women in the United States are 11 times  
24          more likely to be murdered with guns than women  
25          in other high-income countries. Female intimate

1 partners are more likely to be murdered with a fire-  
2 arm than all other means combined. The presence of  
3 a gun in domestic violence situations increases the  
4 risk of homicide for women by 500 percent.

5 (9) Violence can have a dramatic impact on the  
6 survivor of such violence. Studies indicate that 44  
7 percent of surveyed employed adults experienced the  
8 effect of domestic violence in the workplace, and 64  
9 percent indicated their workplace performance was  
10 affected by such violence. Another recent survey  
11 found that 78 percent of offenders used workplace  
12 resources to express anger, check up on, pressure, or  
13 threaten a survivor. Sexual assault, whether occur-  
14 ring in or out of the workplace, can impair an em-  
15 ployee's work performance, require time away from  
16 work, and undermine the employee's ability to main-  
17 tain a job. Nearly 50 percent of sexual assault sur-  
18 vivors lose their jobs or are forced to quit in the  
19 aftermath of the assaults.

20 (10) Studies find that 60 percent of single  
21 women lack economic security and 81 percent of  
22 households with single mothers live in economic inse-  
23 curity. Significant barriers that survivors confront  
24 include access to housing, transportation, and child  
25 care. Ninety-two percent of homeless women have

1 experienced domestic violence, and more than 50  
2 percent of such women cite domestic violence as the  
3 direct cause for homelessness. Survivors are deprived  
4 of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face  
5 tremendous threats to their health and safety.

6 (11) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
7 vention report that survivors of severe intimate part-  
8 ner violence lose nearly 8 million days of paid work,  
9 which is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-  
10 time jobs and almost 5,600,000 days of household  
11 productivity each year. Therefore, women dispropor-  
12 tionately need time off to care for their health or to  
13 find safety solutions, such as obtaining a restraining  
14 order or finding housing, to avoid or prevent further  
15 violence.

16 (12) Annual costs of intimate partner violence  
17 are estimated to be more than \$8,300,000,000. Ac-  
18 cording to the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
19 vention, the costs of intimate partner violence  
20 against women in 1995 exceeded an estimated  
21 \$5,800,000,000. These costs included nearly  
22 \$4,100,000,000 in the direct costs of medical and  
23 mental health care and nearly \$1,800,000,000 in the  
24 indirect costs of lost productivity. These statistics  
25 are generally considered to be underestimated be-



1 cause the costs associated with the criminal justice  
2 system are not included.

3 (13) Fifty-five percent of senior executives re-  
4 cently surveyed said domestic violence has a harmful  
5 effect on their company's productivity, and more  
6 than 70 percent said domestic violence negatively af-  
7 fects attendance. Seventy-eight percent of human re-  
8 sources professionals consider partner violence a  
9 workplace issue. However, more than 70 percent of  
10 United States workplaces have no formal program or  
11 policy that addresses workplace violence, let alone  
12 domestic violence. In fact, only four percent of em-  
13 ployers provided training on domestic violence.

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

21 (15) Abusers frequently seek to exert financial  
22 control over their partners by actively interfering  
23 with their ability to work, including preventing their  
24 partners from going to work, harassing their part-  
25 ners at work, limiting their partners' access to cash

1 or transportation, and sabotaging their partners'  
2 child care arrangements.

3 (16) Economic abuse refers to behaviors that  
4 control an intimate partner's ability to acquire, use,  
5 and maintain access to, money, credit, ownership of  
6 assets, or access to governmental or private financial  
7 benefits, including defaulting on joint obligations  
8 (such as school loans, credit card debt, mortgages,  
9 or rent). Other forms of such abuse may include pre-  
10 venting someone from attending school, threatening  
11 to or actually terminating employment, controlling  
12 or withholding access to cash, checking, or credit ac-  
13 counts, and attempting to damage or sabotage the  
14 creditworthiness of an intimate partner, including  
15 forcing an intimate partner to write bad checks,  
16 forcing an intimate partner to default on payments  
17 related to household needs, such as housing, or fore-  
18 ing an intimate partner into bankruptcy.

19 (17) The Patient Protection and Affordable  
20 Care Act (Public Law 111–148), and the amend-  
21 ments made by such Act, ensures that most health  
22 plans must cover preventive services, including  
23 screening and counseling for domestic violence, at no  
24 additional cost. In addition, it prohibits insurance

1 companies from discriminating against patients for  
2 preexisting conditions, like domestic violence.

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

6 (A) authorize survivors of domestic vio-  
7 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-  
8 ing to take leave from work to seek legal assist-  
9 ance and redress, counseling, or assistance with  
10 safety planning activities;

11 (B) address the eligibility of survivors of  
12 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
13 sault, or stalking for unemployment compensa-  
14 tion;

15 (C) provide job protection to survivors of  
16 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
17 sault, or stalking;

18 (D) prohibit insurers and employers who  
19 self-insure employee benefits from discrimi-  
20 nating against survivors of domestic violence,  
21 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and  
22 those who help them in determining eligibility,  
23 rates charged, and standards for payment of  
24 claims; or

1 (E) prohibit insurers from disclosing infor-  
2 mation about abuse and the location of the sur-  
3 vivors through insurance databases and other  
4 means.

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

10 **SEC. 702. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON WORKPLACE**  
11 **RESPONSES TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMES-**  
12 **TIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**

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

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by inserting “and sexual harassment”  
18 after “domestic and sexual violence”; and

19 (B) by striking “employers and labor orga-  
20 nizations” and inserting “employers, labor or-  
21 ganizations, and victim service providers”;

22 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “and stalk-  
23 ing” and inserting “stalking, and sexual harass-  
24 ment”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting before the  
2 period at the end “or sexual harassment”;

3 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by inserting “or  
4 sexual harassment” after “sexual violence”; and

5 (5) in subsection (e), by striking “\$1,000,000  
6 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-  
7 serting “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
8 through 2024”.

9 **SEC. 703. ENTITLEMENT TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSA-**  
10 **TION FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND OTHER**  
11 **HARASSMENT AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC**  
12 **VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.**

13 (a) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—

14 (1) Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue  
15 Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the  
16 end of paragraph (18), by redesignating paragraph  
17 (19) as paragraph (20), and by inserting after para-  
18 graph (18) the following new paragraph:

19 “(19) no person may be denied compensation  
20 under such State law solely on the basis of the indi-  
21 vidual having a voluntary separation from work if  
22 such separation is attributable to such individual  
23 being a victim of sexual or other harassment or a  
24 survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or  
25 stalking; and”.

1           (2) Section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code  
2 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
3 lowing new subsection:

4           “(g) SEXUAL OR OTHER HARASSMENT; ETC.—

5           “(1) DOCUMENTATION.—For purposes of sub-  
6 section (a)(19), a voluntary separation of an indi-  
7 vidual shall be considered to be attributable to such  
8 individual being a survivor or victim of sexual or  
9 other harassment or a survivor of domestic violence,  
10 sexual assault, or stalking if such individual submits  
11 such evidence as the State deems sufficient.

12           “(2) SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION.—For pur-  
13 poses of paragraph (1), a State shall deem suffi-  
14 cient, at a minimum—

15           “(A) evidence of such harassment, violence,  
16 assault, or stalking in the form of—

17           “(i) a sworn statement and a form of  
18 identification;

19           “(ii) a police or court record; or

20           “(iii) documentation from a victim  
21 service provider, an attorney, a police offi-  
22 cer, a medical professional, a social worker,  
23 an antiviolence counselor, a member of the  
24 clergy, or another professional; and

1           “(B) an attestation that such voluntary  
2           separation is attributable to such harassment,  
3           violence, assault, or stalking.

4           “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-  
5           tion—

6           “(A) The terms ‘domestic violence’, ‘sexual  
7           assault’, ‘stalking’, ‘victim of sexual or other  
8           harassment’, and ‘survivor of domestic violence,  
9           sexual assault, or stalking’ have the meanings  
10          given such terms under State law, regulation,  
11          or policy.

12          “(B) The term ‘victim service provider’ has  
13          the meaning given such term in section 40002  
14          of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.”.

15          (b) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PERSONNEL  
16          TRAINING.—Section 303(a) of the Social Security Act (42  
17          U.S.C. 503(a)) is amended—

18                 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through  
19                 (12) as paragraphs (5) through (13), respectively;  
20                 and

21                 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
22                 lowing new paragraph:

23                 “(4)(A) Such methods of administration as will  
24                 ensure that—

1           “(i) applicants for unemployment com-  
2           pensation and individuals inquiring about such  
3           compensation are notified of the provisions of  
4           section 3304(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue  
5           Code of 1986; and

6           “(ii) claims reviewers and hearing per-  
7           sonnel are trained in—

8                   “(I) the nature and dynamics of sex-  
9                   ual and other harassment, domestic vio-  
10                  lence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

11                  “(II) methods of ascertaining and  
12                  keeping confidential information about pos-  
13                  sible experiences of sexual and other har-  
14                  assment, domestic violence, sexual assault,  
15                  or stalking to ensure that—

16                   “(aa) requests for unemployment  
17                   compensation based on separations  
18                   stemming from sexual and other har-  
19                   assment, domestic violence, sexual as-  
20                   sault, or stalking are identified and  
21                   adjudicated; and

22                   “(bb) confidentiality is provided  
23                   for the individual’s claim and sub-  
24                   mitted evidence.

25           “(B) For purposes of this paragraph—



1           “(i) the terms ‘domestic violence’, ‘sexual  
2           assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the meanings given  
3           such terms in section 40002 of the Violence  
4           Against Women Act of 1994;

5           “(ii) the term ‘sexual and other harass-  
6           ment’ has the meaning given such term under  
7           State law, regulation, or policy; and

8           “(iii) the term ‘survivor of domestic vio-  
9           lence, sexual assault, or stalking’ means—

10           “(I) a person who has experienced or  
11           is experiencing domestic violence, sexual  
12           assault, or stalking; and

13           “(II) a person whose family or house-  
14           hold member has experienced or is experi-  
15           encing domestic violence, sexual assault, or  
16           stalking.”.

17           (c) TANF PERSONNEL TRAINING.—Section 402(a)  
18           of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended  
19           by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

20           “(8) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL  
21           PROVIDE INFORMATION TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL  
22           AND OTHER HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
23           SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.—

24           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A certification by the  
25           chief executive officer of the State that the

1 State has established and is enforcing stand-  
2 ards and procedures to—

3 “(i) ensure that applicants for assist-  
4 ance under the State program funded  
5 under this part and individuals inquiring  
6 about such assistance are adequately noti-  
7 fied of—

8 “(I) the provisions of section  
9 3304(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue  
10 Code of 1986; and

11 “(II) assistance made available  
12 by the State to survivors of sexual  
13 and other harassment, domestic vio-  
14 lence, sexual assault, or stalking;

15 “(ii) ensure that case workers and  
16 other agency personnel responsible for ad-  
17 ministering the State program funded  
18 under this part are adequately trained in—

19 “(I) the nature and dynamics of  
20 sexual and other harassment, domes-  
21 tic violence, sexual assault, or stalk-  
22 ing;

23 “(II) State standards and proce-  
24 dures relating to the prevention of,  
25 and assistance for individuals who are

1 survivors of sexual and other harass-  
2 ment, domestic violence, sexual as-  
3 sault, or stalking; and

4 “(III) methods of ascertaining  
5 and keeping confidential information  
6 about possible experiences of sexual  
7 and other harassment, domestic vio-  
8 lence, sexual assault, or stalking;

9 “(iii) ensure that, if a State has elect-  
10 ed to establish and enforce standards and  
11 procedures regarding the screening for,  
12 and identification of, domestic violence  
13 pursuant to paragraph (7)—

14 “(I) applicants for assistance  
15 under the State program funded  
16 under this part and individuals inquir-  
17 ing about such assistance are ade-  
18 quately notified of options available  
19 under such standards and procedures;  
20 and

21 “(II) case workers and other  
22 agency personnel responsible for ad-  
23 ministering the State program funded  
24 under this part are provided with ade-  
25 quate training regarding such stand-

1           ards and procedures and options  
2           available under such standards and  
3           procedures; and

4           “(iv) ensure that the training required  
5           under subparagraphs (B) and, if applica-  
6           ble, (C)(ii) is provided through a training  
7           program operated by an eligible entity.

8           “(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
9           paragraph—

10           “(i) the terms ‘domestic violence’,  
11           ‘sexual assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the  
12           meanings given such terms in section  
13           40002 of the Violence Against Women Act  
14           of 1994;

15           “(ii) the term ‘sexual and other har-  
16           assment’ has the meaning given such term  
17           under State law, regulation, or policy; and

18           “(iii) the term ‘survivor of domestic  
19           violence, sexual assault, or stalking’  
20           means—

21           “(I) a person who has experi-  
22           enced or is experiencing domestic vio-  
23           lence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

24           “(II) a person whose family or  
25           household member has experienced or

1 is experiencing domestic violence, sexual  
2 assault, or stalking.”.

3 (d) SEXUAL AND OTHER HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC  
4 VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING TRAINING  
5 GRANT PROGRAM.—

6 (1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of  
7 Labor (in this subsection referred to as the “Sec-  
8 retary”) is authorized to award—

9 (A) a grant to a national victim service  
10 provider in order for such organization to—

11 (i) develop and disseminate a model  
12 training program (and related materials)  
13 for the training required under section  
14 303(a)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act, as  
15 added by subsection (b), and under sub-  
16 paragraph (B) and, if applicable, subpara-  
17 graph (C)(ii) of section 402(a)(8) of such  
18 Act, as added by subsection (c); and

19 (ii) provide technical assistance with  
20 respect to such model training program,  
21 including technical assistance to the tem-  
22 porary assistance for needy families pro-  
23 gram and unemployment compensation  
24 personnel; and

1 (B) grants to State, tribal, or local agen-  
2 cies in order for such agencies to contract with  
3 eligible entities to provide State, tribal, or local  
4 caseworkers and other State, tribal, or local  
5 agency personnel responsible for administering  
6 the temporary assistance for needy families pro-  
7 gram established under part A of title IV of the  
8 Social Security Act in a State or Indian res-  
9 ervation with the training required under sub-  
10 paragraph (B) and, if applicable, subparagraph  
11 (C)(ii) of such section 402(a)(8).

12 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For purposes  
13 of paragraph (1)(B), the term “eligible entity”  
14 means an entity—

15 (A) that is—

16 (i) a State or tribal domestic violence  
17 coalition or sexual assault coalition;

18 (ii) a State or local victim service pro-  
19 vider with recognized expertise in the dy-  
20 namics of domestic violence, sexual assault,  
21 or stalking whose primary mission is to  
22 provide services to survivors of domestic vi-  
23 olence, sexual assault, or stalking, includ-  
24 ing a rape crisis center or domestic vio-  
25 lence program; or

1 (iii) an organization with dem-  
2 onstrated expertise in State or county wel-  
3 fare laws and implementation of such laws  
4 and experience with disseminating informa-  
5 tion on such laws and implementation, but  
6 only if such organization will provide the  
7 required training in partnership with an  
8 entity described in clause (i) or (ii); and  
9 (B) that—

10 (i) has demonstrated expertise in the  
11 dynamics of both domestic violence and  
12 sexual assault, such as a joint domestic vi-  
13 olence and sexual assault coalition; or

14 (ii) will provide the required training  
15 in partnership with an entity described in  
16 clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) in  
17 order to comply with the dual domestic vio-  
18 lence and sexual assault expertise require-  
19 ment under clause (i).

20 (3) APPLICATION.—An entity seeking a grant  
21 under this subsection shall submit an application to  
22 the Secretary at such time, in such form and man-  
23 ner, and containing such information as the Sec-  
24 retary specifies.

25 (4) REPORTS.—

1 (A) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
2 than a year after the date of the enactment of  
3 this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary  
4 shall submit to Congress a report on the grant  
5 program established under this subsection.

6 (B) REPORTS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.—  
7 The Secretary shall establish procedures for the  
8 dissemination to the public of each report sub-  
9 mitted under subparagraph (A). Such proce-  
10 dures shall include the use of the internet to  
11 disseminate such reports.

12 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to  
14 be appropriated—

15 (i) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 to  
16 carry out the provisions of paragraph  
17 (1)(A); and

18 (ii) \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal  
19 years 2020 through 2024 to carry out the  
20 provisions of paragraph (1)(B).

21 (B) THREE-YEAR AVAILABILITY OF GRANT  
22 FUNDS.—Each recipient of a grant under this  
23 subsection shall return to the Secretary any un-  
24 used portion of such grant not later than 3  
25 years after the date the grant was awarded, to-



1           gether with any earnings on such unused por-  
2           tion.

3           (C) AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Any amounts  
4           returned pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be  
5           available without further appropriation to the  
6           Secretary for the purpose of carrying out the  
7           provisions of paragraph (1)(B).

8           (e) EFFECT ON EXISTING LAWS, ETC.—

9           (1) MORE PROTECTIVE LAWS, AGREEMENTS,  
10          PROGRAMS, AND PLANS.—Nothing in this title shall  
11          be construed to supersede any provision of any Fed-  
12          eral, State, or local law, collective bargaining agree-  
13          ment, or employment benefits program or plan that  
14          provides greater unemployment insurance benefits  
15          for survivors of sexual and other harassment, domes-  
16          tic violence, sexual assault, or stalking than the  
17          rights established under this title.

18          (2) LESS PROTECTIVE LAWS, AGREEMENTS,  
19          PROGRAMS, AND PLANS.—Any law, collective bar-  
20          gaining agreement, or employment benefits program  
21          or plan of a State or unit of local government is pre-  
22          empted to the extent that such law, agreement, or  
23          program or plan would impair the exercise of any  
24          right established under this title or the amendments  
25          made by this title.

1 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

2 (1) UNEMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
4 subparagraph (B) and paragraph (2), the  
5 amendments made by this section shall apply in  
6 the case of compensation paid for weeks begin-  
7 ning on or after the expiration of the 180-day  
8 period beginning on the date of enactment of  
9 this Act.

10 (B) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
11 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
13 in paragraph (2), in a case in which the  
14 Secretary of Labor identifies a State as re-  
15 quiring a change to its statutes, regula-  
16 tions, or policies in order to comply with  
17 the amendments made by this section, such  
18 amendments shall apply in the case of  
19 compensation paid for weeks beginning  
20 after the earlier of—

21 (I) the date the State changes its  
22 statutes, regulations, or policies in  
23 order to comply with such amend-  
24 ments; or

1 (II) the end of the first session of  
2 the State legislature which begins  
3 after the date of enactment of this  
4 Act or which began prior to such date  
5 and remained in session for at least  
6 25 calendar days after such date, ex-  
7 cept that in no case shall such amend-  
8 ments apply before the date that is  
9 180 days after the date of enactment  
10 of this Act.

11 (ii) SESSION DEFINED.—In this sub-  
12 paragraph, the term “session” means a  
13 regular, special, budget, or other session of  
14 a State legislature.

15 (2) TANF AMENDMENT.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
17 subparagraph (B), the amendment made by  
18 subsection (c) shall take effect on the date of  
19 enactment of this Act.

20 (B) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
21 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—In the case of a  
22 State plan under part A of title IV of the Social  
23 Security Act which the Secretary of Health and  
24 Human Services determines requires State ac-  
25 tion (including legislation, regulation, or other

1 administrative action) in order for the plan to  
2 meet the additional requirements imposed by  
3 the amendment made by subsection (c), the  
4 State plan shall not be regarded as failing to  
5 comply with the requirements of such amend-  
6 ment on the basis of its failure to meet these  
7 additional requirements before the first day of  
8 the first calendar quarter beginning after the  
9 close of the first regular session of the State  
10 legislature that begins after the date of enact-  
11 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous  
12 sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-  
13 year legislative session, each year of the session  
14 is considered to be a separate regular session of  
15 the State legislature.

16 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “do-  
17 mestic violence”, “sexual assault”, “stalking”, “survivor  
18 of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking”, and “vic-  
19 tim service provider” have the meanings given such terms  
20 in section 3304(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

21 **SEC. 704. STUDY AND REPORTS ON BARRIERS TO SUR-**  
22 **VIVORS’ ECONOMIC SECURITY ACCESS.**

23 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
24 Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall  
25 conduct a study on the barriers that survivors of domestic

1 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking  
2 throughout the United States experience in maintaining  
3 economic security as a result of issues related to domestic  
4 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

5 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
6 of enactment of this title, and every 5 years thereafter,  
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consulta-  
8 tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall submit a report  
9 to Congress on the study conducted under subsection (a).

10 (c) CONTENTS.—The study and reports under this  
11 section shall include—

12 (1) identification of geographic areas in which  
13 State laws, regulations, and practices have a strong  
14 impact on the ability of survivors of domestic vio-  
15 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to  
16 exercise—

17 (A) any rights under this Act without com-  
18 promising personal safety or the safety of oth-  
19 ers, including family members and excluding  
20 the abuser; and

21 (B) other components of economic security,  
22 including financial empowerment, affordable  
23 housing, transportation, healthcare access, and  
24 quality education and training opportunities;

1           (2) identification of geographic areas with  
2 shortages in resources for such survivors, with an  
3 accompanying analysis of the extent and impact of  
4 such shortage;

5           (3) analysis of factors related to industries,  
6 workplace settings, employer practices, trends, and  
7 other elements that impact the ability of such sur-  
8 vivors to exercise any rights under this Act without  
9 compromising personal safety or the safety of others,  
10 including family members;

11           (4) the recommendations of the Secretary of  
12 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of  
13 Labor with respect to resources, oversight, and en-  
14 forcement tools to ensure successful implementation  
15 of the provisions of this Act in order to support the  
16 economic security and safety of survivors of domestic  
17 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;  
18 and

19           (5) best practices for States, employers, health  
20 carriers, insurers, and other private entities in ad-  
21 dressing issues related to domestic violence, dating  
22 violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

23 **SEC. 705. GAO STUDY.**

24           Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
25 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States

1 shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education,  
2 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that examines,  
3 with respect to survivors of domestic violence, dating vio-  
4 lence, sexual assault, or stalking who are, or were, enrolled  
5 at institutions of higher education and borrowed a loan  
6 made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV of the Higher  
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) for which  
8 the survivors have not repaid the total interest and prin-  
9 cipal due, each of the following:

10           (1) The implications of domestic violence, dat-  
11           ing violence, sexual assault, or stalking on a bor-  
12           rower's ability to repay their Federal student loans.

13           (2) The adequacy of policies and procedures re-  
14           garding Federal student loan deferment, forbear-  
15           ance, and grace periods when a survivor has to sus-  
16           pend or terminate the survivor's enrollment at an in-  
17           stitution of higher education due to domestic vio-  
18           lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

19           (3) The adequacy of institutional policies and  
20           practices regarding retention or transfer of credits  
21           when a survivor has to suspend or terminate the  
22           survivor's enrollment at an institution of higher edu-  
23           cation due to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-  
24           ual assault, or stalking.

1           (4) The availability or any options for a sur-  
2           vivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
3           sault, or stalking who attended an institution of  
4           higher education that committed unfair, deceptive,  
5           or abusive acts or practices, or otherwise substan-  
6           tially misrepresented information to students, to be  
7           able to seek a defense to repayment of the survivor's  
8           Federal student loan.

9           (5) The limitations faced by a survivor of do-  
10          mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
11          stalking to obtain any relief or restitution on the  
12          survivor's Federal student loan debt due to the use  
13          of forced arbitration, gag orders, or bans on class  
14          actions.

15 **SEC. 706. EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAMS FOR**  
16 **SURVIVORS.**

17       (a) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in  
19          conjunction with the Secretary of Health and  
20          Human Services (through the Director of the Cen-  
21          ters for Disease Control and Prevention and the  
22          grant recipient under section 41501 of the Violence  
23          Against Women Act of 1994 that establishes the na-  
24          tional resource center on workplace responses to as-  
25          sist victims of domestic and sexual violence) and the



1 Attorney General (through the Principal Deputy Di-  
2 rector of the Office on Violence Against Women),  
3 shall coordinate and provide for a national public  
4 outreach and education campaign to raise public  
5 awareness of the workplace impact of domestic vio-  
6 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,  
7 including outreach and education for employers,  
8 service providers, teachers, and other key partners.  
9 This campaign shall pay special attention to ensure  
10 that survivors are made aware of the existence of the  
11 following types of workplace laws (federal and/or  
12 State): anti-discrimination laws that bar treating  
13 survivors differently; leave laws, both paid and un-  
14 paid that are available for use by survivors; unem-  
15 ployment insurance laws and policies that address  
16 survivor eligibility.

17 (2) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary of Labor,  
18 in conjunction with the Secretary of Health and  
19 Human Services and the Attorney General, as de-  
20 scribed in paragraph (1), may disseminate informa-  
21 tion through the public outreach and education cam-  
22 paign on the resources and rights referred to in this  
23 subsection directly or through arrangements with  
24 health agencies, professional and nonprofit organiza-  
25 tions, consumer groups, labor organizations, institu-

1 tions of higher education, clinics, the media, and  
2 Federal, State, and local agencies.

3 (3) INFORMATION.—The information dissemi-  
4 nated under paragraph (2) shall include, at a min-  
5 imum, a description of—

6 (A) the resources and rights that are—

7 (i) available to survivors of domestic  
8 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or  
9 stalking; and

10 (ii) established in this Act and the Vi-  
11 olence Against Women Act of 1994 (34  
12 U.S.C. 12291 et seq.);

13 (B) guidelines and best practices on pre-  
14 vention of domestic violence, dating violence,  
15 stalking, and sexual assault;

16 (C) resources that promote healthy rela-  
17 tionships and communication skills;

18 (D) resources that encourage bystander  
19 intervention in a situation involving domestic vi-  
20 olence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual as-  
21 sault;

22 (E) resources that promote workplace poli-  
23 cies that support and help maintain the eco-  
24 nomic security of survivors of domestic violence,  
25 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in-

1 including guidelines and best practices to promote  
2 the creation of effective employee assistance  
3 programs; and

4 (F) resources and rights that the heads of  
5 Federal agencies described in paragraph (2) de-  
6 termine are appropriate to include.

7 (4) COMMON LANGUAGES.—The Secretary of  
8 Labor shall ensure that the information dissemi-  
9 nated to survivors under paragraph (2) is made  
10 available in commonly encountered languages.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) EMPLOYEE.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “employee”  
14 means any individual employed by an employer.  
15 In the case of an individual employed by a pub-  
16 lic agency, such term means an individual em-  
17 ployed as described in section 3(e)(2) of the  
18 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
19 203(e)(2)).

20 (B) BASIS.—The term includes a person  
21 employed as described in subparagraph (A) on  
22 a full- or part-time basis, for a fixed time pe-  
23 riod, on a temporary basis, pursuant to a detail,  
24 or as a participant in a work assignment as a

1 condition of receipt of Federal or State income-  
2 based public assistance.

3 (2) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer”—

4 (A) means any person engaged in com-  
5 merce or in any industry or activity affecting  
6 commerce who employs 15 or more individuals;  
7 and

8 (B) includes any person acting directly or  
9 indirectly in the interest of an employer in rela-  
10 tion to an employee, and includes a public agen-  
11 cy that employs individuals as described in sec-  
12 tion 3(e)(2) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
13 1938, but does not include any labor organiza-  
14 tion (other than when acting as an employer) or  
15 anyone acting in the capacity of officer or agent  
16 of such labor organization.

17 (3) FLSA TERMS.—The terms “employ” and  
18 “State” have the meanings given the terms in sec-  
19 tion 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29  
20 U.S.C. 203).

21 (c) STUDY ON WORKPLACE RESPONSES.—The Sec-  
22 retary of Labor, in conjunction with the Secretary of  
23 Health and Human Services, shall conduct a study on the  
24 status of workplace responses to employees who experience  
25 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-

1 ing while employed, in each State and nationally, to im-  
2 prove the access of survivors of domestic violence, dating  
3 violence, sexual assault, or stalking to supportive resources  
4 and economic security.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
7 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
8 2020 through 2024.

9 **SEC. 707. SEVERABILITY.**

10 If any provision of this Act, any amendment made  
11 by this Act, or the application of such provision or amend-  
12 ment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconsti-  
13 tutional, the remainder of the provisions of this Act, the  
14 amendments made by this Act, and the application of such  
15 provisions or amendments to any person or circumstance  
16 shall not be affected.

17 **TITLE VIII—HOMICIDE**  
18 **REDUCTION INITIATIVES**

19 **SEC. 801. PROHIBITING PERSONS CONVICTED OF MIS-**  
20 **DEMEANOR CRIMES AGAINST DATING PART-**  
21 **NERS AND PERSONS SUBJECT TO PROTEC-**  
22 **TION ORDERS.**

23 Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
24 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (32), by striking all that fol-  
2 lows after “The term ‘intimate partner’” and insert-  
3 ing the following: “—

4 “(A) means, with respect to a person, the  
5 spouse of the person, a former spouse of the  
6 person, an individual who is a parent of a child  
7 of the person, and an individual who cohabi-  
8 tates or has cohabited with the person; and

9 “(B) includes—

10 “(i) a dating partner or former dating  
11 partner (as defined in section 2266); and

12 “(ii) any other person similarly situ-  
13 ated to a spouse who is protected by the  
14 domestic or family violence laws of the  
15 State or tribal jurisdiction in which the in-  
16 jury occurred or where the victim resides.”;

17 (2) in paragraph (33)(A)—

18 (A) in clause (i), by inserting after “Fed-  
19 eral, State,” the following: “municipal,”; and

20 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “intimate  
21 partner,” after “spouse,” each place it appears;

22 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (34) and (35)  
23 as paragraphs (35) and (36) respectively; and

24 (4) by inserting after paragraph (33) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1       “(34)(A) The term ‘misdemeanor crime of stalking’  
2 means an offense that—

3           “(i) is a misdemeanor crime of stalking under  
4 Federal, State, Tribal, or municipal law; and

5           “(ii) is a course of harassment, intimidation, or  
6 surveillance of another person that—

7           “(I) places that person in reasonable fear  
8 of material harm to the health or safety of—

9           “(aa) that person;

10           “(bb) an immediate family member  
11 (as defined in section 115) of that person;

12           “(cc) a household member of that per-  
13 son; or

14           “(dd) a spouse or intimate partner of  
15 that person; or

16           “(II) causes, attempts to cause, or would  
17 reasonably be expected to cause emotional dis-  
18 tress to a person described in item (aa), (bb),  
19 (cc), or (dd) of subclause (I).

20       “(B) A person shall not be considered to have been  
21 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter,  
22 unless—

23           “(i) the person was represented by counsel in  
24 the case, or knowingly and intelligently waived the  
25 right to counsel in the case; and

1           “(ii) in the case of a prosecution for an offense  
2           described in this paragraph for which a person was  
3           entitled to a jury trial in the jurisdiction in which  
4           the case was tried, either—

5                       “(I) the case was tried by a jury; or

6                       “(II) the person knowingly and intel-  
7                       ligently waived the right to have the case tried  
8                       by a jury, by guilty plea or otherwise.

9           “(C) A person shall not be considered to have been  
10          convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter  
11          if the conviction has been expunged or set aside, or is an  
12          offense for which the person has been pardoned or has  
13          had civil rights restored (if the law of the applicable juris-  
14          diction provides for the loss of civil rights under such an  
15          offense) unless the pardon, expungement, or restoration  
16          of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not  
17          ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.”.

18   **SEC. 802. PROHIBITING STALKERS AND INDIVIDUALS SUB-**  
19                       **JECT TO COURT ORDER FROM POSSESSING A**  
20                       **FIREARM.**

21          Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is  
22          amended—

23                       (1) in subsection (d)—



1 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “that re-  
2 strains such person” and all that follows, and  
3 inserting “described in subsection (g)(8);”;

4 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-  
5 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the  
7 following:

8 “(10) who has been convicted in any court of  
9 a misdemeanor crime of stalking.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (g)—

11 (A) by amending paragraph (8) to read as  
12 follows:

13 “(8) who is subject to a court order—

14 “(A) that was issued—

15 “(i) after a hearing of which such per-  
16 son received actual notice, and at which  
17 such person had an opportunity to partici-  
18 pate; or

19 “(ii) in the case of an ex parte order,  
20 relative to which notice and opportunity to  
21 be heard are provided—

22 “(I) within the time required by  
23 State, tribal, or territorial law; and

24 “(II) in any event within a rea-  
25 sonable time after the order is issued,

1 sufficient to protect the due process  
2 rights of the person;

3 “(B) that restrains such person from—

4 “(i) harassing, stalking, or threat-  
5 ening an intimate partner of such person  
6 or child of such intimate partner or person,  
7 or engaging in other conduct that would  
8 place an intimate partner in reasonable  
9 fear of bodily injury to the partner or  
10 child; or

11 “(ii) intimidating or dissuading a wit-  
12 ness from testifying in court; and

13 “(C) that—

14 “(i) includes a finding that such per-  
15 son represents a credible threat to the  
16 physical safety of such individual described  
17 in subparagraph (B); or

18 “(ii) by its terms explicitly prohibits  
19 the use, attempted use, or threatened use  
20 of physical force against such individual  
21 described in subparagraph (B) that would  
22 reasonably be expected to cause bodily in-  
23 jury;”;

24 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the  
25 comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the  
2 following:

3 “(10) who has been convicted in any court of  
4 a misdemeanor crime of stalking,”.

5 **TITLE IX—SAFETY FOR INDIAN**  
6 **WOMEN**

7 **SEC. 901. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) American Indians and Alaska Natives are  
10 2.5 times as likely to experience violent crimes—and  
11 at least 2 times more likely to experience rape or  
12 sexual assault crimes—compared to all other races.

13 (2) More than 4 in 5 American Indian and  
14 Alaska Native women, or 84.3 percent, have experi-  
15 enced violence in their lifetime.

16 (3) The vast majority of Native victims—96  
17 percent of women and 89 percent of male victims—  
18 report being victimized by a non-Indian.

19 (4) Native victims of sexual violence are three  
20 times as likely to have experienced sexual violence by  
21 an interracial perpetrator as non-Hispanic White  
22 victims and Native stalking victims are nearly 4  
23 times as likely to be stalked by someone of a dif-  
24 ferent race.

1           (5) While tribes exercising jurisdiction over  
2 non-Indians have reported significant successes, the  
3 inability to prosecute crimes related to the Special  
4 Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction crimes con-  
5 tinues to leave Tribes unable to fully hold domestic  
6 violence offenders accountable.

7           (6) Tribal prosecutors report that the majority  
8 of domestic violence cases involve children either as  
9 witnesses or victims, and Department of Justice re-  
10 ports that American Indian and Alaska Native chil-  
11 dren suffer exposure to violence at rates higher than  
12 any other race in the United States.

13           (7) Childhood exposure to violence has imme-  
14 diate and long-term effects, including: increased  
15 rates of altered neurological development, poor phys-  
16 ical and mental health, poor school performance,  
17 substance abuse, and overrepresentation in the juve-  
18 nile justice system.

19           (8) According to the Centers for Disease Con-  
20 trol and Prevention, homicide is the third leading  
21 cause of death among American Indian and Alaska  
22 Native women between 10 and 24 years of age and  
23 the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian  
24 and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years  
25 of age.

1           (9) On some reservations, Indian women are  
2 murdered at more than 10 times the national aver-  
3 age.

4           (10) According to a 2010 Government Account-  
5 ability Office report, United States Attorneys de-  
6 clined to prosecute nearly 52 percent of violent  
7 crimes that occur in Indian country.

8           (11) Investigation into cases of missing and  
9 murdered Indian women is made difficult for tribal  
10 law enforcement agencies due to a lack of resources,  
11 such as—

12                   (A) necessary training, equipment, or  
13 funding;

14                   (B) a lack of interagency cooperation; and

15                   (C) a lack of appropriate laws in place.

16           (12) Domestic violence calls are among the  
17 most dangerous calls that law enforcement receives.

18           (13) The complicated jurisdictional scheme that  
19 exists in Indian country—

20                   (A) has a significant negative impact on  
21 the ability to provide public safety to Indian  
22 communities;

23                   (B) has been increasingly exploited by  
24 criminals; and

1 (C) requires a high degree of commitment  
2 and cooperation among tribal, Federal, and  
3 State law enforcement officials.

4 (14) Restoring and enhancing local, tribal ca-  
5 pacity to address violence against women provides  
6 for greater local control, safety, accountability, and  
7 transparency.

8 (15) In States with restrictive land settlement  
9 acts such as Alaska, “Indian country” is limited, re-  
10 sources for local tribal responses either nonexistent  
11 or insufficient to meet the needs, jurisdiction unnec-  
12 essarily complicated and increases the already high  
13 levels of victimization of American Indian and Alas-  
14 ka Native women. According to the Tribal Law and  
15 Order Act Commission Report, Alaska Native  
16 women are over-represented in the domestic violence  
17 victim population by 250 percent; they comprise 19  
18 percent of the State population, but are 47 percent  
19 of reported rape victims. And among other Indian  
20 Tribes, Alaska Native women suffer the highest  
21 rates of domestic and sexual violence in the country.

22 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

23 (1) to clarify the responsibilities of Federal,  
24 State, tribal, and local governments with respect to  
25 responding to cases of domestic violence, dating vio-

1 lence, stalking, trafficking, sexual violence, crimes  
2 against children, and assault against tribal law en-  
3 forcement officers and murdered Indians;

4 (2) to increase coordination and communication  
5 among Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforce-  
6 ment agencies;

7 (3) to empower tribal governments with the re-  
8 sources and information necessary to effectively re-  
9 spond to cases of domestic violence, dating violence,  
10 stalking, sex trafficking, sexual violence, and missing  
11 and murdered Indians; and

12 (4) to increase the collection of data related to  
13 missing and murdered Indians and the sharing of in-  
14 formation among Federal, State, and tribal officials  
15 responsible for responding to and investigating cases  
16 of missing and murdered Indians.

17 **SEC. 902. AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE TRIBAL ACCESS**  
18 **PROGRAM.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 534 of title 28, United  
20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 is authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of  
24 fiscal years 2020 through 2024, to remain available until  
25 expended, for the purposes of enhancing the ability of trib-

1 al government entities to access, enter information into,  
2 and obtain information from, Federal criminal informa-  
3 tion databases, as authorized by this section.”.

4 (b) INDIAN TRIBE AND INDIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5 INFORMATION SHARING.—Section 534 of title 28, United  
6 States Code, is further amended by amending subsection  
7 (d) to read as follows:

8 “(d) INDIAN TRIBE AND INDIAN LAW ENFORCE-  
9 MENT INFORMATION SHARING.—The Attorney General  
10 shall permit tribal law enforcement entities (including en-  
11 tities designated by a tribe as maintaining public safety  
12 within a tribe’s territorial jurisdiction that has no federal  
13 or state arrest authority) and Bureau of Indian Affairs  
14 law enforcement agencies—

15 “(1) to access and enter information into Fed-  
16 eral criminal information databases; and

17 “(2) to obtain information from the data-  
18 bases.”.



1 **SEC. 903. TRIBAL JURISDICTION OVER CRIMES OF DOMES-**  
2 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OBSTRUC-**  
3 **TION OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, SEX**  
4 **TRAFFICKING, STALKING, AND ASSAULT OF A**  
5 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORREC-**  
6 **TIONS OFFICER.**

7 Section 204 of Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304)  
8 (commonly known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of  
9 1968”) is amended—

10 (1) in the heading, by striking “**CRIMES OF**  
11 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**” and inserting “**CRIMES**  
12 **OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**  
13 **OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE,**  
14 **SEX TRAFFICKING, STALKING, AND ASSAULT**  
15 **OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS**  
16 **OFFICER**”;

17 (2) in subsection (a)(6), in the heading, by  
18 striking “SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL  
19 JURISDICTION” and inserting “SPECIAL TRIBAL  
20 CRIMINAL JURISDICTION”;

21 (3) by striking “special domestic violence crimi-  
22 nal jurisdiction” each place such term appears and  
23 inserting “special tribal criminal jurisdiction”;

24 (4) in subsection (a)—

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

1           “(12) STALKING.—The term ‘stalking’ means  
2           engaging in a course of conduct directed at a spe-  
3           cific person proscribed by the criminal law of the In-  
4           dian tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-  
5           try where the violation occurs that would cause a  
6           reasonable person to—

7                   “(A) fear for the person’s safety or the  
8                   safety of others; or

9                   “(B) suffer substantial emotional dis-  
10                  tress.”;

11                  (B) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and  
12                  (7) as paragraphs (10) and (11);

13                  (C) by inserting before paragraph (10) (as  
14                  redesignated) the following:

15           “(8) SEX TRAFFICKING.—

16                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘sex traf-  
17                   ficking’ means conduct—

18                           “(i) consisting of—

19                                   “(I) recruiting, enticing, har-  
20                                   boring, transporting, providing, ob-  
21                                   taining, advertising, maintaining, pa-  
22                                   tronizing, or soliciting by any means a  
23                                   person; or

24                                   “(II) benefitting, financially or  
25                                   by receiving anything of value, from

1 participation in a venture that has en-  
2 gaged in an act described in subclause  
3 (I); and

4 “(ii) carried out with the knowledge,  
5 or, except where the act constituting the  
6 violation of clause (i) is advertising, in  
7 reckless disregard of the fact, that—

8 “(I) means of force, threats of  
9 force, fraud, coercion, or any combina-  
10 tion of such means will be used to  
11 cause the person to engage in a com-  
12 mercial sex act; or

13 “(II) the person has not attained  
14 the age of 18 years and will be caused  
15 to engage in a commercial sex act.

16 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,  
17 the terms ‘coercion’ and ‘commercial sex act’  
18 have the meanings given the terms in section  
19 1591(e) of title 18, United States Code.

20 “(9) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term ‘sexual vio-  
21 lence’ means any nonconsensual sexual act or con-  
22 tact proscribed by the criminal law of the Indian  
23 tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian country  
24 where the violation occurs, including in any case in

1 which the victim lacks the capacity to consent to the  
2 act.”;

3 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and  
4 (5) as paragraphs (6) and (7);

5 (E) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
6 through (3) as paragraphs (2) through (4);

7 (F) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated), to  
8 read as follows:

9 “(3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-  
10 tic violence’ means violence—

11 “(A) committed by a current or former  
12 spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a  
13 person with whom the victim shares a child in  
14 common, by a person who is cohabitating with  
15 or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse  
16 or intimate partner, or by a person similarly  
17 situated to a spouse of the victim under the  
18 domestic- or family- violence laws of an Indian  
19 tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-  
20 try where the violence occurs; or

21 “(B)(i) committed against a victim who is  
22 a child under the age of 18, or an elder (as  
23 such term is defined by tribal law), including  
24 when an offender recklessly engages in conduct  
25 that creates a substantial risk of death or seri-

1           ous bodily injury to the victim, or committed as  
2           described in subparagraph (A) while the child  
3           or elder is present; and

4           “(ii) the child or elder—

5           “(I) resides or has resided in the  
6           same household as the offender;

7           “(II) is related to the offender by  
8           blood or marriage;

9           “(III) is related to another victim of  
10          the offender by blood or marriage;

11          “(IV) is under the care of a victim of  
12          the offender who is an intimate partner or  
13          former spouse; or

14          “(V) is under the care of a victim of  
15          the offender who is similarly situated to a  
16          spouse of the victim under the domestic- or  
17          family- violence laws of an Indian tribe  
18          that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-  
19          try where the violence occurs.”;

20          (G) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as  
21          redesignated), the following:

22          “(1) ASSAULT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR  
23          CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.—The term ‘assault of a  
24          law enforcement or correctional officer’ means any  
25          criminal violation of the law of the Indian tribe that

1 has jurisdiction over the Indian country where the  
2 violation occurs that involves the threatened, at-  
3 tempted, or actual harmful or offensive touching of  
4 a law enforcement or correctional officer.”; and

5 (H) by inserting after paragraph (4) (as  
6 redesignated), the following:

7 “(5) OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.—The term  
8 ‘obstruction of justice’ means any violation of the  
9 criminal law of the Indian tribe that has jurisdiction  
10 over the Indian country where the violation occurs,  
11 and the violation involves interfering with the ad-  
12 ministration or due process of the tribe’s laws in-  
13 cluding any tribal criminal proceeding or investiga-  
14 tion of a crime.”;

15 (5) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after “the  
16 powers of self-government of a participating tribe”  
17 the following: “, including any participating tribes in  
18 the State of Maine,”;

19 (6) in subsection (b)(4)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting  
21 after “over an alleged offense” the following: “,  
22 other than obstruction of justice or an act of  
23 assault of a law enforcement or corrections offi-  
24 cer,”; and

25 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at  
2 the end;

3 (ii) in clause (iii)(II), by striking the  
4 period at the end and inserting the fol-  
5 lowing: “; or”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(iv) is being prosecuted for a crime  
9 of sexual violence, stalking, sex trafficking,  
10 obstructing justice, or assaulting a police  
11 or corrections officer under the laws of the  
12 prosecuting tribe.”;

13 (7) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
15 by striking “domestic violence” and inserting  
16 “tribal”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
19 ing “AND DATING VIOLENCE” and insert-  
20 ing “, DATING VIOLENCE, OBSTRUCTION  
21 OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, STALK-  
22 ING, SEX TRAFFICKING, OR ASSAULT OF A  
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS OF-  
24 FICER”; and

1                   (ii) by striking “or dating violence”  
2                   and inserting “, dating violence, obstruc-  
3                   tion of justice, sexual violence, stalking,  
4                   sex trafficking, or assault of a law enforce-  
5                   ment or corrections officer”;

6                   (8) in subsection (d), by striking “domestic vio-  
7                   lence” each place it appears and inserting “tribal”;

8                   (9) by striking subsections (f), (g), and (h) and  
9                   inserting the following:

10                  “(f) GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENT TO TRIBAL GOV-  
11                  ERNMENTS.—

12                   “(1) REIMBURSEMENT.—

13                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General  
14                   is authorized to reimburse tribal government  
15                   authorities for expenses incurred in exercising  
16                   special tribal criminal jurisdiction.

17                   “(B) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—Eligible ex-  
18                   penses for reimbursement shall include—

19                   “(i) expenses incurred to arrest or  
20                   prosecute offenders and to detain inmates  
21                   (including costs associated with providing  
22                   health care);

23                   “(ii) expenses related to indigent de-  
24                   fense services; and



1                   “(iii) costs associated with probation  
2                   and rehabilitation services.

3                   “(C) PROCEDURE.—Reimbursements au-  
4                   thorized pursuant to this section shall be in ac-  
5                   cordance with rules promulgated by the Attor-  
6                   ney General after consultation with Indian  
7                   tribes and within 1 year after the date of enact-  
8                   ment of this Act. The rules promulgated by the  
9                   Department shall set a maximum allowable re-  
10                  imbursement to any tribal government in a 1-  
11                  year period.

12                  “(2) GRANTS.—The Attorney General may  
13                  award grants to the governments of Indian tribes (or  
14                  to authorized designees of those governments)—

15                         “(A) to strengthen tribal criminal justice  
16                         systems to assist Indian tribes in exercising  
17                         special tribal criminal jurisdiction, including—

18                                 “(i) law enforcement (including the  
19                                 capacity of law enforcement, court per-  
20                                 sonnel, or other non-law enforcement enti-  
21                                 ties that have no Federal or State arrest  
22                                 authority agencies but have been des-  
23                                 ignated by a tribe as responsible for main-  
24                                 taining public safety within its territorial  
25                                 jurisdiction, to enter information into and

1 obtain information from national crime in-  
2 formation databases);  
3 “(ii) prosecution;  
4 “(iii) trial and appellate courts (in-  
5 cluding facilities construction);  
6 “(iv) probation systems;  
7 “(v) detention and correctional facili-  
8 ties (including facilities construction);  
9 “(vi) alternative rehabilitation centers;  
10 “(vii) culturally appropriate services  
11 and assistance for victims and their fami-  
12 lies; and  
13 “(viii) criminal codes and rules of  
14 criminal procedure, appellate procedure,  
15 and evidence;  
16 “(B) to provide indigent criminal defend-  
17 ants with the effective assistance of licensed de-  
18 fense counsel, at no cost to the defendant, in  
19 criminal proceedings in which a participating  
20 tribe prosecutes—  
21 “(i) a crime of domestic violence;  
22 “(ii) a crime of dating violence;  
23 “(iii) a criminal violation of a protec-  
24 tion order;  
25 “(iv) a crime of sexual violence;

1 “(v) a crime of stalking;

2 “(vi) a crime of sex trafficking;

3 “(vii) a crime of obstruction of justice;

4 or

5 “(viii) a crime of assault of a law en-  
6 forcement or correctional officer;

7 “(C) to ensure that, in criminal pro-  
8 ceedings in which a participating tribe exercises  
9 special tribal criminal jurisdiction, jurors are  
10 summoned, selected, and instructed in a man-  
11 ner consistent with all applicable requirements;

12 “(D) to accord victims of domestic vio-  
13 lence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking,  
14 sex trafficking, obstruction of justice, assault of  
15 a law enforcement or correctional officer, and  
16 violations of protection orders rights that are  
17 similar to the rights of a crime victim described  
18 in section 3771(a) of title 18, consistent with  
19 tribal law and custom; and

20 “(E) to create a pilot project to allow up  
21 to five Indian tribes in Alaska to implement  
22 special tribal criminal jurisdiction.

23 “(g) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts  
24 made available under this section shall supplement and  
25 not supplant any other Federal, State, tribal, or local gov-

1 ernment amounts made available to carry out activities de-  
2 scribed in this section.

3 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 are authorized to be appropriated \$7,000,000 for each of  
5 fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to carry out subsection  
6 (f) and to provide training, technical assistance, data col-  
7 lection, and evaluation of the criminal justice systems of  
8 participating tribes.

9 “(i) USE OF FUNDS.—Not less than 25 percent of  
10 the total amount of funds appropriated under this section  
11 in a given year shall be used for each of the purposes de-  
12 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (f), with  
13 remaining funds available to be distributed for either of  
14 the purposes described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-  
15 section (f), or any combination of such purposes, depend-  
16 ing on need and in consultation with Indian tribes.”;

17 (10) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(j) INDIAN COUNTRY DEFINED.—For purposes of  
20 the pilot project described in subsection (f)(5), the defini-  
21 tion of ‘Indian country’ shall include—

22 “(1) Alaska Native-owned Townsites, Allot-  
23 ments, and former reservation lands acquired in fee  
24 by Alaska Native Village Corporations pursuant to  
25 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.

1 33) and other lands transferred in fee to Native vil-  
2 lages; and

3 “(2) all lands within any Alaska Native village  
4 with a population that is at least 75 percent Alaska  
5 Native.”.

6 **SEC. 904. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Beginning in the first fiscal year after the date of  
8 enactment of this title, and annually thereafter, the Attor-  
9 ney General and the Secretary of the Interior shall jointly  
10 prepare and submit a report, to the Committee on Indian  
11 Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate  
12 and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Com-  
13 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,  
14 that—

15 (1) includes known statistics on missing and  
16 murdered Indian women in the United States, in-  
17 cluding statistics relating to incidents of sexual  
18 abuse or sexual assault suffered by the victims; and

19 (2) provides recommendations regarding how to  
20 improve data collection on missing and murdered In-  
21 dian women.

22 **SEC. 905. REPORT ON THE RESPONSE OF LAW ENFORCE-**  
23 **MENT AGENCIES TO REPORTS OF MISSING**  
24 **OR MURDERED INDIANS.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) COVERED DATABASE.—The term “covered  
2 database” means—

3           (A) the database of the National Crime In-  
4 formation Center;

5           (B) the Combined DNA Index System;

6           (C) the Next Generation Identification  
7 System; and

8           (D) any other database or system of a law  
9 enforcement agency under which a report of a  
10 missing or murdered Indian may be submitted,  
11 including—

12           (i) the Violent Criminal Apprehension  
13 Program; or

14           (ii) the National Missing and Uniden-  
15 tified Persons System.

16           (2) INDIAN.—The term “Indian” has the mean-  
17 ing given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-  
18 Determination and Education Assistance Act (25  
19 U.S.C. 5304).

20           (3) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term “Indian coun-  
21 try” has the meaning given the term in section 1151  
22 of title 18, United States Code.

23           (4) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The term  
24 “law enforcement agency” means a Federal, State,  
25 local, or Tribal law enforcement agency.

1           (5) MISSING OR MURDERED INDIAN.—The term  
2           “missing or murdered Indian” means any Indian  
3           who is—

4                   (A) reported missing in Indian country or  
5                   any other location; or

6                   (B) murdered in Indian country or any  
7                   other location.

8           (6) NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.—The term “notifi-  
9           cation system” means—

10                   (A) the Criminal Justice Information Net-  
11                   work;

12                   (B) the AMBER Alert communications  
13                   network established under subtitle A of title III  
14                   of the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501 et  
15                   seq.); and

16                   (C) any other system or public notification  
17                   system that relates to a report of a missing or  
18                   murdered Indian, including any State, local, or  
19                   Tribal notification system.

20           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
21           of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of  
22           the United States shall submit to the Committee on Indian  
23           Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Re-  
24           sources of the House of Representatives a comprehensive  
25           report that includes—

1 (1) a review of—

2 (A) each law enforcement agency that has  
3 jurisdiction over missing or murdered Indians  
4 and the basis for that jurisdiction;

5 (B) the response procedures, with respect  
6 to a report of a missing or murdered Indian,  
7 of—

8 (i) the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
9 tion;

10 (ii) the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

11 (iii) any other Federal law enforce-  
12 ment agency responsible for responding to  
13 or investigating a report of a missing or  
14 murdered Indian;

15 (C) each covered database and notification  
16 system;

17 (D) Federal interagency cooperation and  
18 notification policies and procedures related to  
19 missing or murdered Indians;

20 (E) the requirements of each Federal law  
21 enforcement agency relating to notifying State,  
22 local, or Tribal law enforcement agencies after  
23 the Federal law enforcement agency receives a  
24 report of a missing or murdered Indian; and



1 (F) the public notification requirements of  
2 law enforcement agencies relating to missing or  
3 murdered Indians;

4 (2) recommendations and best practices relating  
5 to improving cooperation between and response poli-  
6 cies of law enforcement agencies relating to missing  
7 and murdered Indians; and

8 (3) recommendations relating to—

9 (A) improving how—

10 (i) covered databases address in-  
11 stances of missing or murdered Indians,  
12 including by improving access to, inte-  
13 grating, and improving the sharing of in-  
14 formation between covered databases; and

15 (ii) notification systems address in-  
16 stances of missing or murdered Indians,  
17 including by improving access to, inte-  
18 grating, and improving the sharing of in-  
19 formation between notification systems;

20 (B) social, educational, economic, and any  
21 other factor that may contribute to an Indian  
22 becoming a missing or murdered Indian; and

23 (C) legislation to reduce the likelihood that  
24 an Indian may become a missing or murdered  
25 Indian.

1 **TITLE X—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**  
2 **AGAINST WOMEN**

3 **SEC. 1001. 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 subsection (a), by striking “a Violence  
10 Against Women Office” and inserting “an Office on  
11 Violence Against Women”;

12 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting after “within  
13 the Department of Justice” the following: “, not  
14 subsumed by any other office”;

15 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “Violence  
16 Against Women Act of 1994 (title VI of Public Law  
17 103–322) and the Violence Against Women Act of  
18 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–386)” and in-  
19 serting “Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title  
20 VII of Public Law 103–322), the Violence Against  
21 Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–  
22 386), the Violence Against Women and Department  
23 of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (title IX of  
24 Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080), the Violence  
25 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public

1 Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), and the Violence Against  
2 Women Reauthorization Act of 2019”.

3 (b) DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE  
4 AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2003 of the Omnibus Crime  
5 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10443)  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 2003. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**  
8 **AGAINST WOMEN.**

9 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The President, by and with the  
10 advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Director  
11 for the Office on Violence Against Women (in this title  
12 referred to as the ‘Director’) to be responsible, under the  
13 general authority of the Attorney General, for the admin-  
14 istration, coordination, and implementation of the pro-  
15 grams and activities of the Office.

16 “(b) OTHER EMPLOYMENT.—The Director shall  
17 not—

18 “(1) engage in any employment other than that  
19 of serving as Director; or

20 “(2) hold any office in, or act in any capacity  
21 for, any organization, agency, or institution with  
22 which the Office makes any contract or other agree-  
23 ment under the Violence Against Women Act of  
24 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the Violence  
25 Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public

1 Law 106–386), the Violence Against Women and  
2 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005  
3 (title IX of Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080),  
4 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of  
5 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), or the Violence  
6 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019.

7 “(c) VACANCY.—In the case of a vacancy, the Presi-  
8 dent may designate an officer or employee who shall act  
9 as Director during the vacancy.

10 “(d) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be com-  
11 pensated at a rate of pay not to exceed the rate payable  
12 for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316  
13 of title 5, United States Code.”.

14 (c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE  
15 OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2004  
16 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
17 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10444) is amended to read as follows:

18 **“SEC. 2004. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE**

19 **OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

20 “The Director shall have the following duties:

21 “(1) Maintaining liaison with the judicial  
22 branches of the Federal and State Governments on  
23 matters relating to violence against women.

24 “(2) Providing information to the President,  
25 the Congress, the judiciary, State, local, and tribal

1 governments, and the general public on matters re-  
2 lating to violence against women.

3 “(3) Serving, at the request of the Attorney  
4 General, as the representative of the Department of  
5 Justice on domestic task forces, committees, or com-  
6 missions addressing policy or issues relating to vio-  
7 lence against women.

8 “(4) Serving, at the request of the President,  
9 acting through the Attorney General, as the rep-  
10 resentative of the United States Government on  
11 human rights and economic justice matters related  
12 to violence against women in international fora, in-  
13 cluding, but not limited to, the United Nations.

14 “(5) Carrying out the functions of the Depart-  
15 ment of Justice under the Violence Against Women  
16 Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the  
17 Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of  
18 Public Law 106–386), the Violence Against Women  
19 and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of  
20 2005 (title IX of Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat.  
21 3080), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization  
22 Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), and  
23 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of  
24 2019, including with respect to those functions—

1           “(A) the development of policy, protocols,  
2 and guidelines;

3           “(B) the development and management of  
4 grant programs and other programs, and the  
5 provision of technical assistance under such  
6 programs; and

7           “(C) the awarding and termination of  
8 grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts.

9           “(6) Providing technical assistance, coordina-  
10 tion, and support to—

11           “(A) other components of the Department  
12 of Justice, in efforts to develop policy and to  
13 enforce Federal laws relating to violence against  
14 women, including the litigation of civil and  
15 criminal actions relating to enforcing such laws;

16           “(B) other Federal, State, local, and tribal  
17 agencies, in efforts to develop policy, provide  
18 technical assistance, synchronize federal defini-  
19 tions and protocols, and improve coordination  
20 among agencies carrying out efforts to elimi-  
21 nate violence against women, including Indian  
22 or indigenous women; and

23           “(C) grantees, in efforts to combat violence  
24 against women and to provide support and as-  
25 sistance to victims of such violence.

1           “(7) Exercising such other powers and func-  
2           tions as may be vested in the Director pursuant to  
3           this subchapter or by delegation of the Attorney  
4           General.

5           “(8) Establishing such rules, regulations, guide-  
6           lines, and procedures as are necessary to carry out  
7           any function of the Office.”.

8           (d) STAFF OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST  
9 WOMEN.—Section 2005 of the Omnibus Crime Control  
10 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10445) is amend-  
11 ed in the heading, by striking “**VIOLENCE AGAINST**  
12 **WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting “**OFFICE ON VIO-**  
13 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”.

14           (e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 121(a)(1) of  
15 the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice  
16 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20124(a)(1)) is  
17 amended by striking “the Violence Against Women Of-  
18 fice” and inserting “the Office on Violence Against  
19 Women”.

20 **SEC. 1002. REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE**  
21 **EFFECTS OF THE SHUTDOWN.**

22           Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
23 of this title, the Attorney General shall submit a report  
24 to Congress on the effects of the Federal Government  
25 shutdown that lasted from December 22, 2018 to January

1 25, 2019, evaluating and detailing the extent of the effect  
2 of the shutdown on the ability of the Department of Jus-  
3 tice to disperse funding and services under the Violence  
4 Against Women Act of 1994, the Violence Against Women  
5 and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005,  
6 and the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, to victims of do-  
7 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-  
8 ing.

9 **TITLE XI—IMPROVING CONDI-**  
10 **TIONS FOR WOMEN IN FED-**  
11 **ERAL CUSTODY**

12 **SEC. 1101. IMPROVING THE TREATMENT OF PRIMARY**  
13 **CARETAKER PARENTS AND OTHER INDIVID-**  
14 **UALS IN FEDERAL PRISONS.**

15 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
16 “Ramona Brant Improvement of Conditions for Women  
17 in Federal Custody Act”.

18 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 303 of title 18, United  
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 **“§ 4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and**  
22 **other individuals**

23 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

24 “(1) the term ‘correctional officer’ means a cor-  
25 rectional officer of the Bureau of Prisons;



1           “(2) the term ‘covered institution’ means a  
2 Federal penal or correctional institution;

3           “(3) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
4 the Bureau of Prisons;

5           “(4) the term ‘post-partum recovery’ means the  
6 first 8-week period of post-partum recovery after  
7 giving birth;

8           “(5) the term ‘primary caretaker parent’ has  
9 the meaning given the term in section 31903 of the  
10 Family Unity Demonstration Project Act (34 U.S.C.  
11 12242);

12           “(6) the term ‘prisoner’ means an individual  
13 who is incarcerated in a Federal penal or correc-  
14 tional institution, including a vulnerable person; and

15           “(7) the term ‘vulnerable person’ means an in-  
16 dividual who—

17                   “(A) is under 21 years of age or over 60  
18 years of age;

19                   “(B) is pregnant;

20                   “(C) identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
21 transgender, or intersex;

22                   “(D) is victim or witness of a crime;

23                   “(E) has filed a nonfrivolous civil rights  
24 claim in Federal or State court;

1           “(F) has a serious mental or physical ill-  
2           ness or disability; or

3           “(G) during the period of incarceration,  
4           has been determined to have experienced or to  
5           be experiencing severe trauma or to be the vic-  
6           tim of gender-based violence—

7                   “(i) by any court or administrative ju-  
8                   dicial proceeding;

9                   “(ii) by any corrections official;

10                   “(iii) by the individual’s attorney or  
11                   legal service provider; or

12                   “(iv) by the individual.

13           “(b) GEOGRAPHIC PLACEMENT.—

14                   “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—The Direc-  
15                   tor shall establish within the Bureau of Prisons an  
16                   office that determines the placement of prisoners.

17                   “(2) PLACEMENT OF PRISONERS.—In deter-  
18                   mining the placement of a prisoner, the office estab-  
19                   lished under paragraph (1) shall—

20                           “(A) if the prisoner has children, place the  
21                           prisoner as close to the children as possible;

22                           “(B) in deciding whether to assign a  
23                           transgender or intersex prisoner to a facility for  
24                           male or female prisoners, and in making other  
25                           housing and programming assignments, con-

1           sider on a case-by-case basis whether a place-  
2           ment would ensure the prisoner’s health and  
3           safety, including serious consideration of the  
4           prisoner’s own views with respect to their safe-  
5           ty, and whether the placement would present  
6           management or security problems; and

7                   “(C) consider any other factor that the of-  
8           fice determines to be appropriate.

9           “(c) PROHIBITION ON PLACEMENT OF PREGNANT  
10 PRISONERS OR PRISONERS IN POST-PARTUM RECOVERY  
11 IN SEGREGATED HOUSING UNITS.—

12                   “(1) PLACEMENT IN SEGREGATED HOUSING  
13 UNITS.—A covered institution may not place a pris-  
14 oner who is pregnant or in post-partum recovery in  
15 a segregated housing unit unless the prisoner pre-  
16 sents an immediate risk of harm to the prisoner or  
17 others.

18                   “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—Any placement of a pris-  
19 oner described in subparagraph (A) in a segregated  
20 housing unit shall be limited and temporary.

21           “(d) PARENTING CLASSES.—The Director shall pro-  
22 vide parenting classes to each prisoner who is a primary  
23 caretaker parent, and such classes shall be made available  
24 to prisoners with limited English proficiency in compliance  
25 with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

1       “(e) TRAUMA SCREENING.—The Director shall pro-  
2 vide training, including cultural competency training, to  
3 each correctional officer and each employee of the Bureau  
4 of Prisons who regularly interacts with prisoners, includ-  
5 ing each instructor and health care professional, to enable  
6 those correctional officers and employees to—

7           “(1) identify a prisoner who has a mental or  
8 physical health need relating to trauma the prisoner  
9 has experienced; and

10          “(2) refer a prisoner described in paragraph (1)  
11 to the proper healthcare professional for treatment.

12       “(f) INMATE HEALTH.—

13           “(1) HEALTH CARE ACCESS.—The Director  
14 shall ensure that all prisoners receive adequate  
15 health care.

16           “(2) HYGIENIC PRODUCTS.—The Director shall  
17 make essential hygienic products, including sham-  
18 poo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and any other hygien-  
19 ic product that the Director determines appropriate,  
20 available without charge to prisoners.

21           “(3) GYNECOLOGIST ACCESS.—The Director  
22 shall ensure that all prisoners have access to a gyne-  
23 cologist as appropriate.

24       “(g) USE OF SEX-APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONAL OF-  
25 FICERS.—

1           “(1) REGULATIONS.—The Director shall make  
2 rules under which—

3           “(A) a correctional officer may not conduct  
4 a strip search of a prisoner of the opposite sex  
5 unless—

6           “(i) the prisoner presents a risk of  
7 immediate harm to the prisoner or others,  
8 and no other correctional officer of the  
9 same sex as the prisoner, or medical staff  
10 is available to assist; or

11           “(ii) the prisoner has previously re-  
12 quested that an officer of a different sex  
13 conduct searches;

14           “(B) a correctional officer may not enter a  
15 restroom reserved for prisoners of the opposite  
16 sex unless—

17           “(i) a prisoner in the restroom pre-  
18 sents a risk of immediate harm to them-  
19 selves or others; or

20           “(ii) there is a medical emergency in  
21 the restroom and no other correctional offi-  
22 cer of the appropriate sex is available to  
23 assist;

1           “(C) a transgender prisoner’s sex is deter-  
2           mined according to the sex with which they  
3           identify; and

4           “(D) a correctional officer may not search  
5           or physically examine a prisoner for the sole  
6           purpose of determining the prisoner’s genital  
7           status or sex.

8           “(2) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in  
9           paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect the re-  
10          quirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act  
11          of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 15601 et seq.).”.

12          (c) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section  
13          3621(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
14          adding at the end the following:

15                 “(7) ELIGIBILITY OF PRIMARY CARETAKER  
16                 PARENTS AND PREGNANT WOMEN.—The Director of  
17                 the Bureau of Prisons may not prohibit an eligible  
18                 prisoner who is a primary caretaker parent (as de-  
19                 fined in section 4051) or pregnant from partici-  
20                 pating in a program of residential substance abuse  
21                 treatment provided under paragraph (1) on the basis  
22                 of a failure by the eligible prisoner, before being  
23                 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons,  
24                 to disclose to any official of the Bureau of Prisons  
25                 that the prisoner had a substance abuse problem on

1 or before the date on which the eligible prisoner was  
2 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Pris-  
3 ons.”.

4 (d) IMPLEMENTATION DATE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of  
7 the Bureau of Prisons shall implement this section  
8 and the amendments made by this section.

9 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
11 Bureau of Prisons shall submit to the Committee on  
12 the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on  
13 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a re-  
14 port on the implementation of this section and the  
15 amendments made by this section.

16 (e) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
17 The table of sections for chapter 303 of title 18, United  
18 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing:

“4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals.”.

20 **SEC. 1102. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WOMEN.**

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 the enactment of this section, the Director of

1 the Federal Bureau of Prisons (in this section referred  
2 to as the “Director”) shall establish a pilot program (in  
3 this section referred to as the “Program”) in accordance  
4 with this section to permit women incarcerated in Federal  
5 prisons and the children born to such women during incar-  
6 ceration to reside together while the inmate serves a term  
7 of imprisonment in a separate housing wing of the prison.

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 the unborn fetuses of  
13 pregnant inmates;

14 (2) reduce the recidivism rates of federally in-  
15 carcerated women and mothers, and enhance public  
16 safety by improving the effectiveness of the Federal  
17 prison system for women as a population with spe-  
18 cial needs;

19 (3) establish female offender risk and needs as-  
20 sessment as the cornerstones of a more effective and  
21 efficient Federal prison system;

22 (4) implement a validated post-sentencing risk  
23 and needs assessment system that relies on dynamic  
24 risk factors to provide Federal prison officials with  
25 a roadmap to address the pre- and post-natal needs



1 of Federal pregnant offenders, manage limited re-  
2 sources, and enhance public safety;

3 (5) perform regular outcome evaluations of the  
4 effectiveness of programs and interventions for fed-  
5 erally incarcerated pregnant women and mothers to  
6 assure that such programs and interventions are evi-  
7 dence-based and to suggest changes, deletions, and  
8 expansions based on the results of such evaluations;  
9 and

10 (6) assist the Department of Justice to address  
11 the underlying cost structure of the Federal prison  
12 system and ensure that the Department can con-  
13 tinue to run prison nurseries safely and securely  
14 without compromising the scope or quality of the  
15 Department's critical health, safety and law enforce-  
16 ment missions.

17 (d) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF PRIS-  
18 ONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out  
20 this section in consultation with—

21 (A) a licensed and board-certified gyne-  
22 cologist or obstetrician;

23 (B) the Director of the Administrative Of-  
24 fice of the United States Courts;

1 (C) the Director of the Office of Probation  
2 and Pretrial Services;

3 (D) the Director of the National Institute  
4 of Justice; and

5 (E) the Secretary of Health and Human  
6 Services.

7 (2) DUTIES.—The Director shall, in accordance  
8 with paragraph (3)—

9 (A) develop an offender risk and needs as-  
10 sessment system particular to the health and  
11 sensitivities of Federally incarcerated pregnant  
12 women and mothers in accordance with this  
13 subsection;

14 (B) develop recommendations regarding re-  
15 cidivism reduction programs and productive ac-  
16 tivities in accordance with subsection (c);

17 (C) conduct ongoing research and data  
18 analysis on—

19 (i) the best practices relating to the  
20 use of offender risk and needs assessment  
21 tools particular to the health and sensitivi-  
22 ties of federally incarcerated pregnant  
23 women and mothers;

24 (ii) the best available risk and needs  
25 assessment tools particular to the health

1 and sensitivities of Federally incarcerated  
2 pregnant women and mothers and the level  
3 to which they rely on dynamic risk factors  
4 that could be addressed and changed over  
5 time, and on measures of risk of recidi-  
6 vism, individual needs, and responsiveness  
7 to recidivism reduction programs;

8 (iii) the most effective and efficient  
9 uses of such tools in conjunction with re-  
10 cidivism reduction programs, productive  
11 activities, incentives, and rewards; and

12 (iv) which recidivism reduction pro-  
13 grams are the most effective—

14 (I) for Federally incarcerated  
15 pregnant women and mothers classi-  
16 fied at different recidivism risk levels;  
17 and

18 (II) for addressing the specific  
19 needs of Federally incarcerated preg-  
20 nant women and mothers;

21 (D) on a biennial basis, review the system  
22 developed under subparagraph (A) and the rec-  
23 ommendations developed under subparagraph  
24 (B), using the research conducted under sub-  
25 paragraph (C), to determine whether any revi-

1           sions or updates should be made, and if so,  
2           make such revisions or updates;

3           (E) hold periodic meetings with the indi-  
4           viduals listed in paragraph (1) at intervals to be  
5           determined by the Director;

6           (F) develop tools to communicate par-  
7           enting program availability and eligibility cri-  
8           teria to each employee of the Bureau of Prisons  
9           and each pregnant inmate to ensure that each  
10          pregnant inmate in the custody of a Bureau of  
11          Prisons facility understands the resources avail-  
12          able to such inmate; and

13          (G) report to Congress in accordance with  
14          subsection (i).

15          (3) METHODS.—In carrying out the duties  
16          under paragraph (2), the Director shall—

17                 (A) consult relevant stakeholders; and

18                 (B) make decisions using data that is  
19                 based on the best available statistical and em-  
20                 pirical evidence.

21          (e) ELIGIBILITY.—An inmate may apply to partici-  
22          pate in the Program if the inmate—

23                 (1) is pregnant at the beginning of or during  
24                 the term of imprisonment; and

1           (2) is in the custody or control of the Federal  
2 Bureau of Prisons.

3 (f) PROGRAM TERMS.—

4           (1) TERM OF PARTICIPATION.—To correspond  
5 with the purposes and goals of the Program to pro-  
6 mote bonding during the critical stages of child de-  
7 velopment, an eligible inmate selected for the Pro-  
8 gram may participate in the Program, subject to  
9 subsection (g), until the earliest of—

10           (A) the date that the inmate’s term of im-  
11 prisonment terminates;

12           (B) the date the infant fails to meet any  
13 medical criteria established by the Director or  
14 the Director’s designee along with a collective  
15 determination of the persons listed in sub-  
16 section (d)(1); or

17           (C) 30 months.

18           (2) INMATE REQUIREMENTS.—For the duration  
19 of an inmate’s participation in the Program, the in-  
20 mate shall agree to—

21           (A) take substantive steps towards acting  
22 in the role of a parent or guardian to any child  
23 of that inmate;

24           (B) participate in any educational or coun-  
25 seling opportunities established by the Director,

1 including topics such as child development, par-  
2 enting skills, domestic violence, vocational train-  
3 ing, or substance abuse, as appropriate;

4 (C) abide by any court decision regarding  
5 the legal or physical custody of the child;

6 (D) transfer to the Federal Bureau of  
7 Prisons any child support payments for the in-  
8 fant of the participating inmate from any per-  
9 son or governmental entity; and

10 (E) specify a person who has agreed to  
11 take at least temporary custody of the child if  
12 the inmate's participation in the Program ter-  
13 minates before the inmate's release.

14 (g) CONTINUITY OF CARE.—The Director shall take  
15 appropriate actions to prevent detachment or disruption  
16 of either an inmate's or infant's health and bonding-based  
17 well-being due to termination of the Program.

18 (h) REPORTING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months  
20 after the date of the enactment of this section and  
21 once each year thereafter for 5 years, the Director  
22 shall submit a report to the Congress with regards  
23 to progress in implementing the Program.

24 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 6 months  
25 after the termination of the Program, the Director

1 shall issue a final report to the Congress that con-  
2 tains a detailed statement of the Director's findings  
3 and conclusions, including recommendations for leg-  
4 islation, administrative actions, and regulations the  
5 Director considers appropriate.

6 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
7 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
8 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

9 **SEC. 1103. RESEARCH AND REPORT ON WOMEN IN FED-**  
10 **ERAL INCARCERATION.**

11 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
12 of this Act, and thereafter, every other year, the National  
13 Institutes of Justice, in consultation with the Bureau of  
14 Justice Statistics and the Bureau of Prisons (including  
15 the Women and Special Population Branch) shall prepare  
16 a report on the status of women in federal incarceration.  
17 Depending on the topic to be addressed, and the facility,  
18 data shall be collected from Bureau of Prisons personnel  
19 and a sample that is representative of the population of  
20 incarcerated women. The report shall include:

21 (1) With regard to federal facilities wherein  
22 women are incarcerated—

23 (A) responses by such women to questions  
24 from the Adverse Childhood Experience  
25 (ACES) questionnaire;

1 (B) demographic data of such women, in-  
2 cluding sexual orientation and gender identity;

3 (C) responses by such women to questions  
4 about the extent of exposure to sexual victim-  
5 ization, sexual violence and domestic violence  
6 (both inside and outside of incarceration);

7 (D) the number of such women were preg-  
8 nant at the time that they entered incarcer-  
9 ation;

10 (E) the number of such women who have  
11 children age 18 or under, and if so, how many;  
12 and

13 (F) the crimes for which such women are  
14 incarcerated and the length of their sentence.

15 (2) With regard to all federal facilities where  
16 persons are incarcerated—

17 (A) a list of best practices with respect to  
18 women’s incarceration and transition, including  
19 staff led programs, services and management  
20 practices (including making sanitary products  
21 readily available and easily accessible, and ac-  
22 cess to and provision of healthcare);

23 (B) the availability of trauma treatment at  
24 each facility (including number of beds, and  
25 number of trained staff);



1 (C) rates of serious mental illness broken  
2 down by gender and security level and a list of  
3 residential programs available by site; and

4 (D) the availability of vocational education  
5 and a list of vocational programs provided by  
6 each facility.

7 **SEC. 1104. REENTRY PLANNING AND SERVICES FOR INCAR-**  
8 **CERATED WOMEN.**

9 The Attorney General, in coordination with the Chief  
10 of U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services and the Director  
11 of the Bureau of Prisons (including Women and Special  
12 Population Branch), shall collaborate on a model of gen-  
13 der responsive transition for incarcerated women, includ-  
14 ing the development of a national standard on prevention  
15 with respect to domestic and sexual violence. In developing  
16 the model, the Chief and the Director shall consult with  
17 such experts within the federal government (including the  
18 Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of  
19 Justice) and in the victim service provider community (in-  
20 cluding sexual and domestic violence and homelessness,  
21 job training and job placement service providers) as are  
22 necessary to the completion of a comprehensive plan.  
23 Issues addressed should include—

24 (1) the development by the Bureau of Prisons  
25 of a contract for gender collaborative services; and

1           (2) identification by re-entry affairs coordina-  
2           tors and responsive planning for the needs of re-en-  
3           tering women with respect to—

4                   (A) housing, including risk of homeless-  
5           ness;

6                   (B) previous exposure to and risk for do-  
7           mestic and sexual violence; and

8                   (C) the need for parenting classes, assist-  
9           ance securing childcare, or assistance in seeking  
10          or securing jobs that afford flexibility (as might  
11          be necessary in the re-entry, parenting or other  
12          contexts).

13 **TITLE XII—LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
14 **TOOLS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC**  
15 **SAFETY**

16 **SEC. 1201. NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-**  
17 **CIES OF PROHIBITED PURCHASE OR AT-**  
18 **TEMPTED PURCHASE OF A FIREARM.**

19           (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the NICS Improvement  
20          Amendments Act of 2007 (18 U.S.C. 922 note) is amend-  
21          ed by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 108. NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-**  
2 **CIES OF PROHIBITED PURCHASE OF A FIRE-**  
3 **ARM.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a background  
5 check conducted by the National Instant Criminal Back-  
6 ground Check System pursuant to the request of a li-  
7 censed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer  
8 of firearms (as such terms are defined in section 921 of  
9 title 18, United States Code), which background check de-  
10 termines that the receipt of a firearm by a person would  
11 violate subsection (g)(8), (g)(9), or (g)(10) of section 922  
12 of title 18, United States Code, and such determination  
13 is made after 3 business days have elapsed since the li-  
14 censee contacted the System and a firearm has been trans-  
15 ferred to that person, the System shall notify the law en-  
16 forcement agencies described in subsection (b).

17 “(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DESCRIBED.—  
18 The law enforcement agencies described in this subsection  
19 are the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction  
20 over the location from which the licensee contacted the  
21 system and the law enforcement agencies that have juris-  
22 diction over the location of the residence of the person for  
23 which the background check was conducted, as follows:

24 “(1) The field office of the Federal Bureau of  
25 Investigation.

26 “(2) The local law enforcement agency.

1           “(3) The State law enforcement agency.

2           “(4) The Tribal law enforcement agency.”.

3           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
4 of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (18  
5 10 U.S.C. 922 note) is amended by inserting after the  
6 item relating to section 107 the following:

“Sec. 108. Notification to law enforcement agencies of prohibited purchase of  
a firearm.”.

7 **SEC. 1202. REPORTING OF BACKGROUND CHECK DENIALS**  
8 **TO STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL AUTHORI-**  
9 **TIES.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
11 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 925A  
12 the following:

13 **“§ 925B. Reporting of background check denials to**  
14 **State, local, and tribal authorities**

15          “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the national instant criminal  
16 background check system established under section 103  
17 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (18 U.S.C.  
18 922 note) provides a notice pursuant to section 922(t) of  
19 this title that the receipt of a firearm by a person would  
20 violate subsection (g)(8), (g)(9), or (g)(10) of section 922  
21 of this title or State law, the Attorney General shall, in  
22 accordance with subsection (b) of this section—

23                 “(1) report to the law enforcement authorities  
24                 of the State where the person sought to acquire the

1 firearm and, if different, the law enforcement au-  
2 thorities of the State of residence of the person—

3 “(A) that the notice was provided;

4 “(B) of the specific provision of law that  
5 would have been violated;

6 “(C) of the date and time the notice was  
7 provided;

8 “(D) of the location where the firearm was  
9 sought to be acquired; and

10 “(E) of the identity of the person; and

11 “(2) report the incident to local or tribal law  
12 enforcement authorities and, where practicable,  
13 State, tribal, or local prosecutors, in the jurisdiction  
14 where the firearm was sought and in the jurisdiction  
15 where the person resides.

16 “(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORT.—A report is  
17 made in accordance with this subsection if the report is  
18 made within 24 hours after the provision of the notice de-  
19 scribed in subsection (a), except that the making of the  
20 report may be delayed for so long as is necessary to avoid  
21 compromising an ongoing investigation.

22 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-  
23 section (a) shall be construed to require a report with re-  
24 spect to a person to be made to the same State authorities

1 that originally issued the notice with respect to the per-  
2 son.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
4 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item  
5 relating to section 925A the following:

“925B. Reporting of background check denials to State, local, and tribal au-  
thorities.”.

6 **SEC. 1203. SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS AND**  
7 **CROSS-DEPUTIZED ATTORNEYS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
9 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended  
10 by inserting after section 925B the following:

11 **“§ 925C. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-**  
12 **deputized attorneys**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to improve the enforce-  
14 ment of paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) of section 922(g),  
15 the Attorney General may—

16 “(1) appoint, in accordance with section 543 of  
17 title 28, qualified State, tribal, territorial and local  
18 prosecutors and qualified attorneys working for the  
19 United States government to serve as special assist-  
20 ant United States attorneys for the purpose of pros-  
21 ecuting violations of such paragraphs;

22 “(2) deputize State, tribal, territorial and local  
23 law enforcement officers for the purpose of enhanc-  
24 ing the capacity of the agents of the Bureau of Alco-

1 hol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in respond-  
2 ing to and investigating violations of such para-  
3 graphs; and

4 “(3) establish, in order to receive and expedite  
5 requests for assistance from State, tribal, territorial  
6 and local law enforcement agencies responding to in-  
7 timate partner violence cases where such agencies  
8 have probable cause to believe that the offenders  
9 may be in violation of such paragraphs, points of  
10 contact within—

11 “(A) each Field Division of the Bureau of  
12 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;  
13 and

14 “(B) each District Office of the United  
15 States Attorneys.

16 “(b) IMPROVE INTIMATE PARTNER AND PUBLIC  
17 SAFETY.—The Attorney General shall—

18 “(1) identify no less than 75 jurisdictions  
19 among States, territories and tribes where there are  
20 high rates of firearms violence and threats of fire-  
21 arms violence against intimate partners and other  
22 persons protected under paragraphs (8), (9), and  
23 (10) of section 922(g) and where local authorities  
24 lack the resources to address such violence; and

1           “(2) make such appointments as described in  
2           subsection (a) in jurisdictions where enhanced en-  
3           forcement of such paragraphs is necessary to reduce  
4           firearms homicide and injury rates.

5           “(c) QUALIFIED DEFINED.—For purposes of this  
6           section, the term ‘qualified’ means, with respect to an at-  
7           torney, that the attorney is a licensed attorney in good  
8           standing with any relevant licensing authority.”.

9           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
10          for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item  
11          relating to section 925B the following:

“925C. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.”.

12 **TITLE XIII—CLOSING THE LAW**  
13 **ENFORCEMENT            CONSENT**  
14 **LOOPHOLE**

15 **SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE.**

16          This title may be cited as the “Closing the Law En-  
17          forcement Consent Loophole Act of 2019”.

18 **SEC. 1302. PROHIBITION ON ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTS**  
19 **WHILE ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW.**

20          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2243 of title 18, United  
21          States Code, is amended—

22                 (1) in the section heading, by adding at the end  
23                 the following: “**or by any person acting**  
24                 **under color of law**”;



1           (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
2 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

3           (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
4 lowing:

5           “(c) OF AN INDIVIDUAL BY ANY PERSON ACTING  
6 UNDER COLOR OF LAW.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, acting under  
8 color of law, knowingly engages in a sexual act with  
9 an individual, including an individual who is under  
10 arrest, in detention, or otherwise in the actual cus-  
11 tody of any Federal law enforcement officer, shall be  
12 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15  
13 years, or both.

14           “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
15 ‘sexual act’ has the meaning given the term in sec-  
16 tion 2246.”; and

17           (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by  
18 adding at the end the following:

19           “(3) In a prosecution under subsection (c), it is not  
20 a defense that the other individual consented to the sexual  
21 act.”.

22           (b) DEFINITION.—Section 2246 of title 18, United  
23 States Code, is amended—

24           (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the  
25 end;

1           (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at  
2           the end and inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(7) the term ‘Federal law enforcement officer’  
6           has the meaning given the term in section 115.”.

7           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
8           for chapter 109A of title 18, United States Code, is  
9           amended by amending the item related to section 2243  
10          to read as follows:

          “2243. Sexual abuse of a minor or ward or by any person acting under color  
          of law.”.

11       **SEC. 1303. INCENTIVES FOR STATES.**

12          (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Attorney  
13          General is authorized to make grants to States that have  
14          in effect a law that—

15               (1) makes it a criminal offense for any person  
16               acting under color of law of the State to engage in  
17               a sexual act with an individual, including an indi-  
18               vidual who is under arrest, in detention, or otherwise  
19               in the actual custody of any law enforcement officer;  
20               and

21               (2) prohibits a person charged with an offense  
22               described in paragraph (1) from asserting the con-  
23               sent of the other individual as a defense.

1 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—A State that re-  
2 ceives a grant under this section shall submit to the Attor-  
3 ney General, on an annual basis, information on—

4 (1) the number of reports made to law enforce-  
5 ment agencies in that State regarding persons en-  
6 gaging in a sexual act while acting under color of  
7 law during the previous year; and

8 (2) the disposition of each case in which sexual  
9 misconduct by a person acting under color of law  
10 was reported during the previous year.

11 (c) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under  
12 this section shall submit an application to the Attorney  
13 General at such time, in such manner, and containing  
14 such information as the Attorney General may reasonably  
15 require, including information about the law described in  
16 subsection (a).

17 (d) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a  
18 State under this section shall be in an amount that is not  
19 greater than 10 percent of the average of the total amount  
20 of funding of the 3 most recent awards that the State re-  
21 ceived under the following grant programs:

22 (1) Part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-  
23 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10441  
24 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the “STOP Vio-  
25 lence Against Women Formula Grant Program”).

1           (2) Section 41601 of the Violence Against  
2 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511) (commonly  
3 referred to as the “Sexual Assault Services Pro-  
4 gram”).

5 (e) GRANT TERM.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
7 provide an increase in the amount provided to a  
8 State under the grant programs described in sub-  
9 section (d) for a 2-year period.

10           (2) RENEWAL.—A State that receives a grant  
11 under this section may submit an application for a  
12 renewal of such grant at such time, in such manner,  
13 and containing such information as the Attorney  
14 General may reasonably require.

15           (3) LIMIT.—A State may not receive a grant  
16 under this section for more than 4 years.

17 (f) USES OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant  
18 under this section shall use—

19           (1) 25 percent of such funds for any of the per-  
20 missible uses of funds under the grant program de-  
21 scribed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d); and

22           (2) 75 percent of such funds for any of the per-  
23 missible uses of funds under the grant program de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (2) of subsection (d).

1 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter  
3 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

4 (h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
5 term “State” means each of the several States and the  
6 District of Columbia, Indian Tribes, and the Common-  
7 wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Vir-  
8 gin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

9 **SEC. 1304. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

10 (a) REPORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not later  
11 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and  
12 each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit  
13 to Congress a report containing—

14 (1) the information required to be reported to  
15 the Attorney General under section 3(b); and

16 (2) information on—

17 (A) the number of reports made, during  
18 the previous year, to Federal law enforcement  
19 agencies regarding persons engaging in a sexual  
20 act while acting under color of law; and

21 (B) the disposition of each case in which  
22 sexual misconduct by a person acting under  
23 color of law was reported.

24 (b) REPORT BY GAO.—Not later than 1 year after  
25 the date of enactment of this Act, and each year there-

1 after, the Comptroller General of the United States shall  
2 submit to Congress a report on any violations of section  
3 2243(c) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by  
4 section 2, committed during the 1-year period covered by  
5 the report.

6 **SEC. 1305. 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 XIV—OTHER MATTERS**

11 **SEC. 1401. NATIONAL STALKER AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
12 **REDUCTION.**

13 Section 40603 of the Violent Crime Control and Law  
14 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12402) is amended  
15 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2020  
16 through 2024”.

17 **SEC. 1402. FEDERAL VICTIM ASSISTANTS REAUTHORIZA-**  
18 **TION.**

19 Section 40114 of the Violence Against Women Act  
20 of 1994 (Public Law 103–322) is amended to read as fol-  
21 lows:

22 **“SEC. 40114. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL VICTIM’S**  
23 **COUNSELORS.**

24 “There are authorized to be appropriated for the  
25 United States Attorneys for the purpose of appointing vic-

1 tim/witness counselors for the prosecution of sex crimes  
2 and domestic violence crimes where applicable (such as the  
3 District of Columbia), \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
4 2020 through 2024.”.

5 **SEC. 1403. CHILD ABUSE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JUDI-**  
6 **CIAL PERSONNEL AND PRACTITIONERS RE-**  
7 **AUTHORIZATION.**

8 Section 224(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34  
9 U.S.C. 20334(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through  
10 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

11 **SEC. 1404. 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 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting  
15 “2020 through 2024”.

16 **SEC. 1405. COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PRO-**  
17 **GRAM.**

18 Section 219(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34  
19 U.S.C. 20324(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through  
20 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

21 **SEC. 1406. RAPE KIT BACKLOG.**

22 Section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination  
23 Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (f)—

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

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
4 paragraph (3); and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
6 following:

7 “(2) information on best practices for state and  
8 local governments to reduce the backlog of DNA evi-  
9 dence”; and

10 (2) in subsection (j), by striking “2015 through  
11 2019” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

12 **SEC. 1407. SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM PROGRAM**  
13 **GRANTS.**

14 Section 304(d) of the DNA Sexual Assault Justice  
15 Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723(d)) is amended by striking  
16 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through  
17 2024”.

18 **SEC. 1408. REVIEW ON LINK BETWEEN SUBSTANCE USE**  
19 **AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAT-**  
20 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALK-**  
21 **ING.**

22 Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment  
23 of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health  
24 and Human Services shall complete a review and submit  
25 a report to Congress on whether being a victim of domestic



1 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in-  
2 creases the likelihood of having a substance use disorder.

3 **SEC. 1409. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP TO STUDY FED-**  
4 **ERAL EFFORTS TO COLLECT DATA ON SEX-**  
5 **UAL VIOLENCE.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-  
8 eral shall establish an interagency working group (in this  
9 section referred to as the “Working Group”) to study Fed-  
10 eral efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make  
11 recommendations on the harmonization of such efforts.

12 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Working Group shall be  
13 comprised of at least one representative from the following  
14 agencies, who shall be selected by the head of that agency:

15 (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
16 vention.

17 (2) The Department of Education.

18 (3) The Department of Health and Human  
19 Services.

20 (4) The Department of Justice.

21 (c) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall consider the  
22 following:

23 (1) What activity constitutes different acts of  
24 sexual violence.

1           (2) Whether reports that use the same terms  
2           for acts of sexual violence are collecting the same  
3           data on these acts.

4           (3) Whether the context which led to an act of  
5           sexual violence should impact how that act is ac-  
6           counted for in reports.

7           (4) Whether the data collected is presented in  
8           a way that allows the general public to understand  
9           what acts of sexual violence are included in each  
10          measurement.

11          (5) Steps that agencies that compile reports re-  
12          lating to sexual violence can take to avoid double  
13          counting incidents of sexual violence.

14          (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years  
15          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Working  
16          Group shall publish and submit to Congress a report on  
17          the following:

18               (1) The activities of the Working Group.

19               (2) Recommendations to harmonize Federal ef-  
20               forts to collect data on sexual violence.

21               (3) Actions Federal agencies can take to imple-  
22               ment the recommendations described in paragraph  
23               (2).

1           (4) Recommendations for congressional action  
2           to implement the recommendations described in  
3           paragraph (2).

4           (e) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall termi-  
5           nate 30 days after the date on which the report is sub-  
6           mitted pursuant to subsection (d).

7           (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) HARMONIZE.—The term “harmonize” in-  
9           cludes efforts to coordinate sexual violence data col-  
10          lection to produce complementary information, as  
11          appropriate, without compromising programmatic  
12          needs.

13          (2) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term “sexual vio-  
14          lence” includes an unwanted sexual act (including  
15          both contact and non-contact) about which the Fed-  
16          eral Government collects information.

17 **SEC. 1410. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE.**

18          Not later than 3 months after the date of enactment  
19          of this Act, a national domestic violence hotline for which  
20          a grant is provided under section 313 of the Family Vio-  
21          lence Prevention and Services Act shall include the vol-  
22          untary feature of texting via telephone to ensure all meth-  
23          ods of communication are available for victims and those  
24          seeking assistance.

1 **SEC. 1411. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING COMPLI-**  
2 **ANCE WITH IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

3 Nothing in this Act, or in any amendments made by  
4 this Act, shall affect the obligation to fully comply with  
5 the immigration laws.

6 **TITLE XV—CYBERCRIME**  
7 **ENFORCEMENT**

8 **SEC. 1501. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS FOR EN-**  
9 **FORCEMENT OF CYBERCRIMES.**

10 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the availability of ap-  
11 propriations, the Attorney General shall award grants  
12 under this section to States and units of local government  
13 for the prevention, enforcement, and prosecution of  
14 cybercrimes against individuals.

15 (b) **APPLICATION.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—To request a grant under  
17 this section, the chief executive officer of a State or  
18 unit of local government shall submit an application  
19 to the Attorney General within 90 days after the  
20 date on which funds to carry out this section are ap-  
21 propriated for a fiscal year, in such form as the At-  
22 torney General may require. Such application shall  
23 include the following:

24 (A) A certification that Federal funds  
25 made available under this section will not be  
26 used to supplant State or local funds, but will

1 be used to increase the amounts of such funds  
2 that would, in the absence of Federal funds, be  
3 made available for law enforcement activities.

4 (B) An assurance that, not fewer than 30  
5 days before the application (or any amendment  
6 to the application) was submitted to the Attor-  
7 ney General, the application (or amendment)  
8 was submitted for review to the governing body  
9 of the State or unit of local government (or to  
10 an organization designated by that governing  
11 body).

12 (C) An assurance that, before the applica-  
13 tion (or any amendment to the application) was  
14 submitted to the Attorney General—

15 (i) the application (or amendment)  
16 was made public; and

17 (ii) an opportunity to comment on the  
18 application (or amendment) was provided  
19 to citizens and to neighborhood or commu-  
20 nity-based organizations, to the extent ap-  
21 plicable law or established procedure  
22 makes such an opportunity available.

23 (D) An assurance that, for each fiscal year  
24 covered by an application, the applicant shall  
25 maintain and report such data, records, and in-

1 formation (programmatic and financial) as the  
2 Attorney General may reasonably require.

3 (E) A certification, made in a form accept-  
4 able to the Attorney General and executed by  
5 the chief executive officer of the applicant (or  
6 by another officer of the applicant, if qualified  
7 under regulations promulgated by the Attorney  
8 General), that—

9 (i) the programs to be funded by the  
10 grant meet all the requirements of this sec-  
11 tion;

12 (ii) all the information contained in  
13 the application is correct;

14 (iii) there has been appropriate co-  
15 ordination with affected agencies; and

16 (iv) the applicant will comply with all  
17 provisions of this section and all other ap-  
18 plicable Federal laws.

19 (F) A certification that the State or in the  
20 case of a unit of local government, the State in  
21 which the unit of local government is located,  
22 has in effect criminal laws which prohibit  
23 cybercrimes against individuals.

24 (G) A certification that any equipment de-  
25 scribed in subsection (e)(7) purchased using

1 grant funds awarded under this section will be  
2 used primarily for investigations and forensic  
3 analysis of evidence in matters involving  
4 cybercrimes against individuals.

5 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-  
6 tion may only be used for programs that provide—

7 (1) training for State or local law enforcement  
8 personnel relating to cybercrimes against individuals,  
9 including—

10 (A) training such personnel to identify and  
11 protect victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
12 uals;

13 (B) training such personnel to utilize Fed-  
14 eral, State, local, and other resources to assist  
15 victims of cybercrimes against individuals;

16 (C) training such personnel to identify and  
17 investigate cybercrimes against individuals;

18 (D) training such personnel to enforce and  
19 utilize the laws that prohibit cybercrimes  
20 against individuals;

21 (E) training such personnel to utilize tech-  
22 nology to assist in the investigation of  
23 cybercrimes against individuals and enforce-  
24 ment of laws that prohibit such crimes; and

1 (F) the payment of overtime incurred as a  
2 result of such training;

3 (2) training for State or local prosecutors,  
4 judges, and judicial personnel, relating to  
5 cybercrimes against individuals, including—

6 (A) training such personnel to identify, in-  
7 vestigate, prosecute, or adjudicate cybercrimes  
8 against individuals;

9 (B) training such personnel to utilize laws  
10 that prohibit cybercrimes against individuals;

11 (C) training such personnel to utilize Fed-  
12 eral, State, local, and other resources to assist  
13 victims of cybercrimes against individuals; and

14 (D) training such personnel to utilize tech-  
15 nology to assist in the prosecution or adjudica-  
16 tion of acts of cybercrimes against individuals,  
17 including the use of technology to protect vic-  
18 tims of such crimes;

19 (3) training for State or local emergency dis-  
20 patch personnel relating to cybercrimes against indi-  
21 viduals, including—

22 (A) training such personnel to identify and  
23 protect victims of cybercrimes against individ-  
24 uals;



1 (B) training such personnel to utilize Fed-  
2 eral, State, local, and other resources to assist  
3 victims of cybercrimes against individuals;

4 (C) training such personnel to utilize tech-  
5 nology to assist in the identification of and re-  
6 sponse to cybercrimes against individuals; and

7 (D) the payment of overtime incurred as a  
8 result of such training;

9 (4) assistance to State or local law enforcement  
10 agencies in enforcing laws that prohibit cybercrimes  
11 against individuals, including expenses incurred in  
12 performing enforcement operations, such as overtime  
13 payments;

14 (5) assistance to State or local law enforcement  
15 agencies in educating the public in order to prevent,  
16 deter, and identify violations of laws that prohibit  
17 cybercrimes against individuals;

18 (6) assistance to State or local law enforcement  
19 agencies to establish task forces that operate solely  
20 to conduct investigations, forensic analyses of evi-  
21 dence, and prosecutions in matters involving  
22 cybercrimes against individuals;

23 (7) assistance to State or local law enforcement  
24 and prosecutors in acquiring computers, computer  
25 equipment, and other equipment necessary to con-

1       duct investigations and forensic analysis of evidence  
2       in matters involving cybercrimes against individuals,  
3       including expenses incurred in the training, mainte-  
4       nance, or acquisition of technical updates necessary  
5       for the use of such equipment for the duration of a  
6       reasonable period of use of such equipment;

7               (8) assistance in the facilitation and promotion  
8       of sharing, with State and local law enforcement of-  
9       ficers and prosecutors, of the expertise and informa-  
10      tion of Federal law enforcement agencies about the  
11      investigation, analysis, and prosecution of matters  
12      involving laws that prohibit cybercrimes against indi-  
13      viduals, including the use of multijurisdictional task  
14      forces; or

15              (9) assistance to State and local law enforce-  
16      ment and prosecutors in processing interstate extra-  
17      dition requests for violations of laws involving  
18      cybercrimes against individuals, including expenses  
19      incurred in the extradition of an offender from one  
20      State to another.

21      (d) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—On the date that  
22      is 1 year after the date on which a State or unit of local  
23      government receives a grant under this section, and annu-  
24      ally thereafter, the chief executive of such State or unit

1 of local government shall submit to the Attorney General  
2 a report which contains—

3 (1) a summary of the activities carried out dur-  
4 ing the previous year with any grant received by  
5 such State or unit of local government;

6 (2) an evaluation of the results of such activi-  
7 ties; and

8 (3) such other information as the Attorney  
9 General may reasonably require.

10 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Novem-  
11 ber 1 of each even-numbered fiscal year, the Attorney  
12 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary  
13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
14 the Judiciary of the Senate a report that contains a com-  
15 pilation of the information contained in the report sub-  
16 mitted under subsection (d).

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
19 appropriated to carry out this section \$20,000,000  
20 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

21 (2) LIMITATION.—Of the amount made avail-  
22 able under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year, not  
23 more than 5 percent may be used for evaluation,  
24 monitoring, technical assistance, salaries, and ad-  
25 ministrative expenses.

1 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “cybercrimes against individuals”  
3 means the criminal offenses applicable in the rel-  
4 evant State or unit of local government that involve  
5 the use of a computer to cause personal harm to an  
6 individual, such as the use of a computer to harass,  
7 threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear, intimidate,  
8 without consent distribute intimate images of, or vio-  
9 late the privacy of, an individual, except that—

10 (A) use of a computer need not be an ele-  
11 ment of such an offense; and

12 (B) such term does not include the use of  
13 a computer to cause harm to a commercial enti-  
14 ty, government agency, or any non-natural per-  
15 sons.

16 (2) The term “computer” includes a computer  
17 network and an interactive electronic device.

18 **SEC. 1502. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER GRANT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
20 propriations, the Attorney General shall award a grant  
21 under this section to an eligible entity for the purpose of  
22 the establishment and maintenance of a National Re-  
23 source Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals to pro-  
24 vide resource information, training, and technical assist-  
25 ance to improve the capacity of individuals, organizations,

1 governmental entities, and communities to prevent, en-  
2 force, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—To request a grant under this  
4 section, an eligible entity shall submit an application to  
5 the Attorney General not later than 90 days after the date  
6 on which funds to carry out this section are appropriated  
7 for fiscal year 2020 in such form as the Attorney General  
8 may require. Such application shall include the following:

9 (1) An assurance that, for each fiscal year cov-  
10 ered by an application, the applicant shall maintain  
11 and report such data, records, and information (pro-  
12 grammatic and financial) as the Attorney General  
13 may reasonably require.

14 (2) A certification, made in a form acceptable  
15 to the Attorney General, that—

16 (A) the programs funded by the grant  
17 meet all the requirements of this section;

18 (B) all the information contained in the  
19 application is correct; and

20 (C) the applicant will comply with all pro-  
21 visions of this section and all other applicable  
22 Federal laws.

23 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The eligible entity awarded a  
24 grant under this section shall use such amounts for the

1 establishment and maintenance of a National Resource  
2 Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals, which shall—

3           (1) offer a comprehensive array of technical as-  
4           sistance and training resources to Federal, State,  
5           and local governmental agencies, community-based  
6           organizations, and other professionals and interested  
7           parties, related to cybercrimes against individuals,  
8           including programs and research related to victims;

9           (2) maintain a resource library which shall col-  
10          lect, prepare, analyze, and disseminate information  
11          and statistics related to—

12                   (A) the incidence of cybercrimes against  
13                   individuals;

14                   (B) the enforcement, and prosecution of  
15                   laws relating to cybercrimes against individuals;  
16                   and

17                   (C) the provision of supportive services and  
18                   resources for victims of cybercrimes against in-  
19                   dividuals; and

20          (3) conduct research related to—

21                   (A) the causes of cybercrimes against indi-  
22                   viduals;

23                   (B) the effect of cybercrimes against indi-  
24                   viduals on victims of such crimes; and

1           (C) model solutions to prevent or deter  
2           cybercrimes against individuals or to enforce  
3           the laws relating to cybercrimes against individ-  
4           uals.

5           (d) DURATION OF GRANT.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The grant awarded under  
7           this section shall be awarded for a period of 5 years.

8           (2) RENEWAL.—A grant under this section may  
9           be renewed for additional 5-year periods if the At-  
10          torney General determines that the funds made  
11          available to the recipient were used in a manner de-  
12          scribed in subsection (c), and if the recipient resub-  
13          mits an application described in subsection (b) in  
14          such form, and at such time as the Attorney General  
15          may reasonably require.

16          (e) SUBGRANTS.—The eligible entity awarded a grant  
17          under this section may make subgrants to other nonprofit  
18          private organizations with relevant subject matter exper-  
19          tise in order to establish and maintain the National Re-  
20          source Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals in ac-  
21          cordance with subsection (c).

22          (f) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—On the date that  
23          is 1 year after the date on which an eligible entity receives  
24          a grant under this section, and annually thereafter for the

1 duration of the grant period, the entity shall submit to  
2 the Attorney General a report which contains—

3 (1) a summary of the activities carried out  
4 under the grant program during the previous year;

5 (2) an evaluation of the results of such activi-  
6 ties; and

7 (3) such other information as the Attorney  
8 General may reasonably require.

9 (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Novem-  
10 ber 1 of each even-numbered fiscal year, the Attorney  
11 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary  
12 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
13 the Judiciary of the Senate a report that contains a com-  
14 pilation of the information contained in the report sub-  
15 mitted under subsection (d).

16 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18 \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

19 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) CYBERCRIMES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The  
21 term “cybercrimes against individuals” has the  
22 meaning given such term in section 1501(g).

23 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
24 ty” means a nonprofit private organization that fo-  
25 cuses on cybercrimes against individuals and that—



1           (A) provides documentation to the Attor-  
2           ney General demonstrating experience working  
3           directly on issues of cybercrimes against indi-  
4           viduals; and

5           (B) includes on the entity’s advisory board  
6           representatives who have a documented history  
7           of working directly on issues of cybercrimes  
8           against individuals and who are geographically  
9           and culturally diverse.

10 **SEC. 1503. NATIONAL STRATEGY, CLASSIFICATION, AND RE-**  
11 **PORTING ON CYBERCRIME.**

12           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13           (1) COMPUTER.—The term “computer” in-  
14           cludes a computer network and any interactive elec-  
15           tronic device.

16           (2) CYBERCRIME AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—The  
17           term “cybercrime against individuals” means a Fed-  
18           eral, State, or local criminal offense that involves the  
19           use of a computer to cause personal harm to an in-  
20           dividual, such as the use of a computer to harass,  
21           threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear, intimidate,  
22           without consent distribute intimate images of, or vio-  
23           late the privacy of, an individual, except that—

24           (A) use of a computer need not be an ele-  
25           ment of the offense; and

1           (B) the term does not include the use of a  
2           computer to cause harm to a commercial entity,  
3           government agency, or non-natural person.

4           (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—The Attorney General  
5 shall develop a national strategy to—

6           (1) reduce the incidence of cybercrimes against  
7           individuals;

8           (2) coordinate investigations of cybercrimes  
9           against individuals by Federal law enforcement  
10          agencies; and

11          (3) increase the number of Federal prosecutions  
12          of cybercrimes against individuals.

13          (c) CLASSIFICATION OF CYBERCRIMES AGAINST IN-  
14          DIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSES OF CRIME REPORTS.—In ac-  
15          cordance with the authority of the Attorney General under  
16          section 534 of title 28, United States Code, the Director  
17          of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall—

18          (1) design and create within the Uniform Crime  
19          Reports a category for offenses that constitute  
20          cybercrimes against individuals;

21          (2) to the extent feasible, within the category  
22          established under paragraph (1), establish subcat-  
23          egories for each type of cybercrime against individ-  
24          uals that is an offense under Federal or State law;

1           (3) classify the category established under para-  
2           graph (1) as a Part I crime in the Uniform Crime  
3           Reports; and

4           (4) classify each type of cybercrime against in-  
5           dividuals that is an offense under Federal or State  
6           law as a Group A offense for the purpose of the Na-  
7           tional Incident-Based Reporting System.

8           (d) ANNUAL SUMMARY.—The Attorney General shall  
9           publish an annual summary of the information reported  
10          in the Uniform Crime Reports and the National Incident-  
11          Based Reporting System relating to cybercrimes against  
12          individuals.

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Attest:

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**AN ACT**

To reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of  
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