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RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-9
TEXT OF H.R. 1585, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

**[Showing the text of the bill as ordered reported by the
Committee on the Judiciary, with modifications]**

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.
- Sec. 3. Reporting on female genital mutilation, female genital cutting, or female
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**TITLE I—ENHANCING LEGAL TOOLS TO COMBAT DOMESTIC
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- Sec. 301. Rape prevention and education grant.

Sec. 302. Creating hope through outreach, options, services, and education (CHOOSE) for children and youth.

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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 RESPONSE

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.

TITLE X—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sec. 1001. Establishment of Office on Violence Against Women.

TITLE XI—IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

Sec. 1101. Improving the treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals in federal prisons.

Sec. 1102. Public health and safety of women.

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.

Sec. 1202. Reporting of background check denials to state, local, and tribal authorities.

Sec. 1203. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.

TITLE XIII—CLOSING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSENT LOOPHOLE

Sec. 1301. Short title.

Sec. 1302. Prohibition on engaging in sexual acts while acting under color of law.

Sec. 1303. Incentives for States.

Sec. 1304. Reports to Congress.

Sec. 1305. Definition.

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.

1 SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL DEFINITIONS AND GRANT CONDITIONS.

2 Section 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act

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

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “In this title” and insert-

6 ing “In this title, including for the purpose of

7 grants authorized under this Act”;

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (34)
2 through (45) as paragraphs (42) through (53);

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (33) the
4 following:

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

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

23 “(A) unwanted, repeated telephone calls,
24 text messages, instant messages, or social
25 media posts;

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

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

9 “(D) using tracking devices or location
10 tracking software for the purpose of monitoring
11 or stalking another person’s location;

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

17 “(F) sharing or urging or compelling the
18 sharing of another person’s private information,
19 photographs, or videos without their consent.

20 “(41) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.—The
21 terms ‘female genital mutilation’, ‘female genital
22 cutting’, ‘FGM/C’, or ‘female circumcision’ mean the
23 intentional removal or infibulation (or both) of either
24 the whole or part of the external female genitalia for
25 non-medical reasons. External female genitalia in-

1 includes the pubis, labia minora, labia majora, clitoris,
2 and urethral and vaginal openings.”;

3 (D) in paragraph (19)(B), by striking
4 “and probation” and inserting “probation, and
5 vacatur or expungement”;

6 (E) by redesignating paragraphs (13)
7 through (33) as paragraphs (18) through (38);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 a consequence of domestic violence, dating violence,
2 sexual assault or stalking.

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

5 (G) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and
6 (10) as paragraphs (11) and (12), respectively;

7 (H) by amending paragraph (8) to read as
8 follows:

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

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

21 “(B) is cohabitating with or has
22 cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or dat-
23 ing partner, or other person similarly situated
24 to a spouse of the victim under the family or
25 domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction;

1 “(C) shares a child in common with the
2 victim;

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

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

10 (I) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and
11 (7) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively;

12 (J) by amending paragraph (5) to read as
13 follows:

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

18 “(A) clerks, special masters, domestic rela-
19 tions officers, administrators, mediators, cus-
20 tody evaluators, guardians ad litem, lawyers,
21 negotiators, probation, parole, interpreters, vic-
22 tim assistants, victim advocates, and judicial,
23 administrative, or any other professionals or
24 personnel similarly involved in the legal process;

25 “(B) court security personnel;

1 “(C) personnel working in related, supple-
2 mentary offices or programs (such as child sup-
3 port enforcement); and

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

9 (K) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
10 through (4) as paragraphs (4) through (6) re-
11 spectively;

12 (L) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
13 following:

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

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

21 “(B) has the goal of collectively seeking ac-
22 countability from the accused, and developing a
23 process whereby the accused will take responsi-
24 bility for his or her actions, and a plan for pro-
25 viding relief to those harmed, through allocu-

1 tion, restitution, community service, or other
2 processes upon which the victim, the accused,
3 the community, and the court (if court-ordered)
4 can agree;

5 “(C) is conducted in a framework that pro-
6 tects victim safety and supports victim auton-
7 omy; and

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

13 (M) by redesignating paragraph (1) as
14 paragraph (2); and

15 (N) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as
16 redesignated in subparagraph (M) of this para-
17 graph) the following:

18 “(1) ABUSE IN LATER LIFE.—The term ‘abuse
19 in later life’ means neglect, abandonment, domestic
20 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
21 of an adult over the age of 50 by any person, or eco-
22 nomic abuse of that adult by a person in an ongoing,
23 relationship of trust with the victim. Self-neglect is
24 not included in this definition.”; and

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
3 (F) and (G) as subparagraphs (H) and (I);

4 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
5 (E) the following:

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

17 (iii) by redesignating subparagraphs
18 (D) through (E) as subparagraphs (E)
19 through (F); and

20 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
21 (C) the following:

22 “(D) USE OF TECHNOLOGY.—Grantees
23 and subgrantees may use telephone, internet,
24 and other technologies to protect the privacy,

1 location and help-seeking activities of victims
2 using services. Such technologies may include—

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

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

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

24 (C) in paragraph (6), by adding at the end
25 the following: “However, such disbursing agen-

1 cies must ensure that the confidentiality and
2 privacy requirements of this title are main-
3 tained in making such reports, and that person-
4 ally identifying information about adult, youth
5 and child victims of domestic violence, dating
6 violence, sexual assault and stalking is not re-
7 quested or included in any such reports.”;

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

17 (E) in paragraph (13)—

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

22 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
23 “section 3789d of title 42, United States
24 Code” and inserting “section 809 of title I

1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
2 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10228)”;

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

6 (G) in paragraph (16)(C)(i), by striking
7 “\$20,000 in Department funds, unless the Dep-
8 uty Attorney General” and inserting “\$100,000
9 in Department funds, unless the Director or
10 Principal Deputy Director of the Office on Vio-
11 lence Against Women, the Deputy Attorney
12 General,”.

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

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

21 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the terms “female
22 genital mutilation”, “female genital cutting”, “FGM/C”,
23 or “female circumcision” mean the intentional removal or
24 infibulation (or both) of either the whole or part of the
25 external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. Exter-

1 nal female genitalia includes the pubis, labia minora, labia
2 majora, clitoris, and urethral and vaginal openings.

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

8 **SEC. 101. STOP GRANTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part T of title I of the Omnibus
10 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
11 10441 et seq.) is amended—

12 (1) in section 2001(b)—

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

18 (B) in paragraph (9)—

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

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

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

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

5 (E) by inserting after paragraph (20), the
6 following:

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

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

18 “(ii) found such a perpetrator to be guilty
19 of misdemeanor or felony crimes of domestic vi-
20 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
21 ing; and

22 “(B) ordered the perpetrator to relinquish
23 dangerous weapons that the perpetrator pos-
24 sesses or has used in the commission of at least
25 one of the aforementioned crimes.

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

9 “(22) developing, enlarging, or strengthening
10 culturally specific victim services programs to pro-
11 vide culturally specific victim services regarding, re-
12 sponses to, and prevention of female genital mutila-
13 tion, female genital cutting, or female circumci-
14 sion.”;

15 (2) in section 2007—

16 (A) in subsection (d)—

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

20 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (4)
21 the following:

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

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

5 (B) in subsection (i)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting be-
7 fore the semicolon at the end the following:
8 “and the requirements under section
9 40002(b) of the Violent Crime Control and
10 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
11 12291(b))”; and

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

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

16 “(k) REVIEWS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NON-
17 DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If allegations of discrimina-
19 tion in violation of section 40002(b)(13)(A) of the
20 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
21 12291(b)(13)(A)) by a potential grantee under this
22 part have been made to the Attorney General, the
23 Attorney General shall, prior to awarding a grant
24 under this part to such potential grantee, conduct a

1 review of the compliance of the potential grantee
2 with such section.

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

8 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning on the date
9 that is 1 year after the date of enactment of the Vio-
10 lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019,
11 the Attorney General shall report to the Committees
12 on the Judiciary of the Senate and of the House of
13 Representatives regarding compliance with section
14 40002(b)(13)(A) of the Violence Against Women Act
15 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(13)(A)) by recipients
16 of grants under this part.”; and

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

18 **“SEC. 2017. GRANT ELIGIBILITY REGARDING COMPELLING**
19 **VICTIM TESTIMONY.**

20 “In order to be eligible for a grant under this part,
21 a State, Indian tribal government, territorial government,
22 or unit of local government shall certify that, not later
23 than 3 years after the date of enactment of this section,
24 their laws, policies, or practices will include a detailed pro-
25 tocol to discourage the use of bench warrants, material

1 witness warrants, perjury charges, or other means of com-
2 pelling victim-witness testimony in the investigation, pros-
3 ecution, trial, or sentencing of a crime related to the do-
4 mestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking
5 of the victim.”.

6 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
7 1001(a)(18) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
8 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(18)) is amended
9 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2020
10 through 2024”.

11 **SEC. 102. GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RE-**
12 **SPONSE.**

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

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

22 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(a) **GENERAL PROGRAM PURPOSE.**—The purpose of
25 this part is to assist States, State and local courts (includ-

1 ing juvenile courts), Indian tribal governments, tribal
2 courts, and units of local government to develop and
3 strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution
4 strategies to combat violent crimes against women, and
5 to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involv-
6 ing violent crimes against women.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

11 (B) in paragraph (8)—

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

17 (ii) by striking “individuals with dis-
18 abilities (as defined in section 3(2) of the
19 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
20 (42 U.S.C. 12102(2))” and inserting
21 “people with disabilities (as defined in the
22 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
23 (42 U.S.C. 12102))”;

24 (C) in paragraph (19), by inserting before
25 the period at the end the following “, including

1 victims among underserved populations (as de-
2 fined in section 40002(a)(46) of the Violence
3 Against Women Act of 1994”); and

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

5 “(23) To develop and implement an alternative
6 justice response (as such term is defined in section
7 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
8 1994).

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

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

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

24 “(B) ordered the perpetrator to relinquish
25 dangerous weapons that the perpetrator pos-

1 sesses or has used in the commission of at least
2 one of the aforementioned crimes.

3 Policies, procedures, protocols, laws, regulations, or
4 training under this section shall include the safest
5 means of recovery of and best practices for storage
6 of relinquished and recovered dangerous weapons
7 and their return, when applicable, at such time as
8 the persons are no longer prohibited from possessing
9 such weapons under Federal, State, Tribal or munic-
10 ipal law.”; and

11 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

21 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (E)

22 the following:

23 “(F) certify that, not later than 3 years
24 after the date of the enactment of this subpara-
25 graph, their laws, policies, or practices will in-

1 clude a detailed protocol to strongly discourage
2 the use of bench warrants, material witness
3 warrants, perjury charges, or other means of
4 compelling victim-witness testimony in the in-
5 vestigation, prosecution, trial, or sentencing of
6 a crime related to the domestic violence, sexual
7 assault, dating violence or stalking of the vic-
8 tim; and”.

9 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
10 1001(a)(19) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
11 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(19)) is amended
12 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2020
13 through 2024”.

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

15 Section 1201 of division B of the Victims of Traf-
16 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.
17 20121) is amended—

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

22 (2) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after
24 “stalking, and sexual assault” the following: “,

1 or for dependents when necessary for the safety
2 of a victim”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting after
4 “stalking, and sexual assault” the following: “,
5 or for dependents when necessary for the safety
6 of a victim,” and

7 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after
8 “sexual assault, or stalking” the following: “, or
9 for dependents when necessary for the safety of
10 a victim,”; and

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

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

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

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

21 (B) in paragraph (8)—

22 (i) by striking “to improve” and in-
23 sserting “improve”; and

24 (ii) by striking the period at the end
25 and inserting “; and” ; and

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
2 following:

3 “(9) develop and implement an alternative jus-
4 tice response (as such term is defined in section
5 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
6 1994).”; and

7 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2014 through
8 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

9 **SEC. 105. OUTREACH AND SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED**
10 **POPULATIONS GRANTS.**

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

14 (1) in subsection (d)—

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

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

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

20 “(6) developing, enlarging, or strengthening
21 culturally specific programs and projects to provide
22 culturally specific services regarding, responses to,
23 and prevention of female genital mutilation, female
24 genital cutting, or female circumcision.”; and

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

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

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

6 (1) in subsection (d)(3)—

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

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

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

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

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

21 Section 409 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking
22 Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. 21308) is amended by striking
23 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through
24 2024”.

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

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

4 Section 41601(f)(1) of the Violent Crime Control and
5 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511(f)(1))
6 is amended by striking “2014 through 2018” and insert-
7 ing “2020 through 2024”.

8 **SEC. 202. RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
9 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND CHILD**
10 **ABUSE ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PRO-**
11 **GRAM.**

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

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

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

19 **SEC. 203. TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE**
20 **AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

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

24 (1) in the heading, by striking “**WOMEN**” and
25 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. 204. 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 **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”; and

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.”.

4 **SEC. 302. CREATING HOPE THROUGH OUTREACH, OPTIONS,**
5 **SERVICES, AND EDUCATION (CHOOSE) FOR**
6 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

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

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

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

1 including youth in underserved populations
2 who are victims of domestic violence, dat-
3 ing violence, sexual assault, and stalking”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 “stalking, and sex trafficking” and insert-
6 ing “and stalking”;

7 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

8 (I) by striking “stalking, or sex
9 trafficking” and inserting “or stalk-
10 ing”; and

11 (II) by striking “or” at the end;

12 (iv) in subparagraph (C)—

13 (I) by striking “stalking, and sex
14 trafficking” and inserting “or stalk-
15 ing”; and

16 (II) by striking the period at the
17 end and inserting a semicolon; and

18 (v) by inserting after subparagraph
19 (C) the following:

20 “(D) clarify State or local mandatory re-
21 porting policies and practices regarding peer-to-
22 peer dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
23 ing; or

24 “(E) develop, enlarge, or strengthen cul-
25 turally specific programs and projects to pro-

1 vide culturally specific services regarding, re-
2 sponses to, and prevention of female genital
3 mutilation, female genital cutting, or female cir-
4 cumcision.”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “stalking, or sex trafficking” and inserting
8 “stalking, or female genital mutilation, fe-
9 male genital cutting, or female circumci-
10 sion”;

11 (ii) by striking “stalking, or sex traf-
12 ficking” each place it appears and insert-
13 ing “or stalking”;

14 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
15 “confidential” before “support services”;

16 (iv) in subparagraph (D), by striking
17 “stalking, and sex trafficking” and insert-
18 ing “and stalking”; and

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

23 (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 Section 304 of the Violence Against Women and De-
22 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34
23 U.S.C. 20125) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking the sec-
2 ond sentence;

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

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

16 (C) in paragraph (9), by striking “and pro-
17 vide” and inserting “, provide, and dissemi-
18 nate”;

19 (D) in paragraph (10), by inserting after
20 “or adapt” the following “and disseminate”;
21 and

22 (E) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
23 following:

24 “(11) To train campus health centers on how to
25 recognize and respond to domestic violence, dating

1 violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including
2 training health providers on how to provide universal
3 education to all members of the campus community
4 on the impacts of violence on health and unhealthy
5 relationships and how providers can support ongoing
6 outreach efforts.”;

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

9 (3) in subsection (d)—

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

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

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

20 **SEC. 304. COMBAT ONLINE PREDATORS.**

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

1 **“§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), if the victim of an offense under section 2261A is
4 under the age of 18 years, the maximum term of imprison-
5 ment for the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum
6 term of imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense
7 in section 2261.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2261A of
24 title 18, United States Code, is amended in the matter
25 following paragraph (2)(B), by striking “section 2261(b)

1 of this title” and inserting “section 2261(b) or section
2 2262B, as the case may be”.

3 (d) REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING EN-
4 FORCEMENT OF ANTI-STALKING LAWS.—Not later than
5 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Attorney General shall submit a report to Congress, which
7 shall—

8 (1) include an evaluation of Federal, tribal,
9 State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to
10 stalking; and

11 (2) identify and describe those elements of such
12 efforts that constitute the best practices for the en-
13 forcement of such laws.

14 **TITLE IV—VIOLENCE** 15 **REDUCTION PRACTICES**

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

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

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

24 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “2014 through
25 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

1 **SEC. 402. SAVING MONEY AND REDUCING TRAGEDIES**
2 **(SMART) THROUGH PREVENTION GRANTS.**

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

5 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

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

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

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

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

14 (2) in subsection (d)(3)—

15 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
16 “and” at the end;

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

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

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

22 (3) in subsection (f), by striking “\$15,000,000
23 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and in-
24 serting “\$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
25 through 2024”; and

1 (4) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(3) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Any amounts not
4 made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) may be
5 used for any set of purposes described in paragraphs
6 (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (b), or for a project
7 that fulfills two or more of such sets of purposes.”.

8 **TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE**
9 **HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS RE-**
10 **SPONSE**

11 **SEC. 501. GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTHCARE SYS-**
12 **TEMS RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,**
13 **DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND**
14 **STALKING.**

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

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

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

23 “(4) the development or enhancement and im-
24 plementation of training programs to improve the
25 capacity of early childhood programs to address do-

1 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
2 stalking among families they serve.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting “,
5 including labor and sex trafficking” after
6 “other forms of violence and abuse”;

7 (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

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

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

13 “(I) increasing the capacity of
14 existing health care professionals and
15 public health staff to address domestic
16 violence, dating violence, sexual as-
17 sault, and stalking;

18 “(II) contracting with or hiring
19 advocates for victims of domestic vio-
20 lence or sexual assault to provide such
21 services; or

22 “(III) providing funding to State
23 domestic and sexual violence coalitions
24 to improve the capacity of such coalitions
25 to coordinate and support health

1 advocates and other health system
2 partnerships;”;

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

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

11 (E) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the
12 end the following:

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

19 (3) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—

20 (A) in the heading, by striking “CHILD
21 AND ELDER ABUSE” and inserting the fol-
22 lowing: “CHILD ABUSE AND ABUSE IN LATER
23 LIFE”; and

1 (B) by striking “child or elder abuse” and
2 inserting the following: “child abuse or abuse in
3 later life”;

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

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

8 (6) in subsection (b)(2)(C)(iv)—

9 (A) by inserting “mental health,” after
10 “dental,”; and

11 (B) by striking “exams.” and inserting
12 “exams and certifications.”;

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

15 “(v) development of a State-level pilot
16 program to—

17 “(I) improve the response of sub-
18 stance use disorder treatment pro-
19 grams and systems to domestic vio-
20 lence, dating violence, sexual assault,
21 and stalking; and

22 “(II) improve the capacity of
23 substance use disorder treatment pro-
24 grams and systems to serve survivors
25 of domestic violence, dating violence,

1 sexual assault, and stalking dealing
2 with substance use disorder; or
3 “(vi) development and utilization of
4 existing technical assistance and training
5 resources to improve the capacity of sub-
6 stance use disorder treatment programs to
7 address domestic violence, dating violence,
8 sexual assault, and stalking among pa-
9 tients the programs serve.”

10 (8) in subsection (d)(2)(A)—

11 (A) by inserting “or behavioral health”
12 after “of health”;

13 (B) by inserting “behavioral” after “phys-
14 ical or”; and

15 (C) by striking “mental” before “health
16 care”;

17 (9) in subsection (d)(2)(B)—

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

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

23 (10) in subsection (f) in the heading, by strik-
24 ing “RESEARCH AND EVALUATION” and inserting

1 “RESEARCH, EVALUATION, AND DATA COLLEC-
2 TION”;

3 (11) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “research
4 and evaluation” and inserting “research, evaluation,
5 or data collection”;

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

8 (13) in subsection (f)(2)—

9 (A) in the heading, by inserting after “RE-
10 SEARCH” the following: “AND DATA COLLEC-
11 TION”;

12 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph
13 (A), by inserting “or data collection” before
14 “authorized in paragraph (1)”;

15 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking
16 “and” at the end;

17 (D) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
18 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
19 and

20 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
21 the following:

22 “(E) research on the intersection of sub-
23 stance use disorder and domestic violence, dat-
24 ing violence, sexual assault, and stalking, in-
25 cluding the effect of coerced use and efforts by

1 an abusive partner or other to interfere with
2 substance use disorder treatment and recovery;
3 and

4 “(F) improvement of data collection using
5 existing Federal surveys by including questions
6 about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
7 assault, or stalking and substance use disorder,
8 coerced use, and mental or behavioral health.”;

9 (14) in subsection (g), by striking “2014
10 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”;
11 and

12 (15) in subsection (h), by striking “herein” and
13 “provided for”.

14 **TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR**
15 **VICTIMS**

16 **SEC. 601. HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMES-**
17 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL**
18 **ASSAULT, AND STALKING.**

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

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

24 (B) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
2 before the semicolon at the end the fol-
3 lowing: “including the direct loan program
4 under such section”;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
6 “the program under subtitle A” and in-
7 sserting “the programs under subtitles A
8 through D”;

9 (iii) in subparagraph (I)—

10 (I) by striking “sections 514,
11 515, 516, 533, and 538 of the Hous-
12 ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,
13 1485, 1486, 1490m, and 1490p-2)”
14 and inserting “sections 514, 515, 516,
15 533, 538, and 542 of the Housing Act
16 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486,
17 1490m, 1490p-2, and 1490r)”;

18 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

19 (iv) in subparagraph (J), by striking
20 the period at the end and inserting a semi-
21 colon; and

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

23 “(K) the provision of assistance from the
24 Housing Trust Fund as established under sec-
25 tion 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises

1 Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992
2 (12 U.S.C. 4501);

3 “(L) the provision of assistance for hous-
4 ing under the Comprehensive Service Programs
5 for Homeless Veterans program under sub-
6 chapter II of chapter 20 of title 38, United
7 States Code (38 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

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

12 “(N) the provision of assistance for perma-
13 nent housing under the program for financial
14 assistance for supportive services for very low-
15 income veteran families in permanent housing
16 under section 2044 of title 38, United States
17 Code; and

18 “(O) any other Federal housing programs
19 providing affordable housing to low-income per-
20 sons by means of restricted rents or rental as-
21 sistance as identified by the appropriate agen-
22 cy.”; and

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

24 “(4) COVERED HOUSING PROVIDER.—The term
25 ‘covered housing provider’ refers to the individual or

1 entity under a covered housing program that has re-
2 sponsibility for the administration or oversight of
3 housing assisted under a covered housing program
4 and includes public housing agencies, sponsors, own-
5 ers, mortgagors, managers, Continuums of Care,
6 State and local governments or agencies thereof, and
7 nonprofit or for-profit organizations or entities.

8 “(5) CONTINUUM OF CARE.—The term ‘Con-
9 tinuum of Care’ means an entity receiving a grant
10 under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento
11 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.).

12 “(6) INTERNAL TRANSFER.—The term ‘internal
13 transfer’ means a transfer to a unit of the same cov-
14 ered housing provider and under the same covered
15 housing program except for programs under the
16 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

17 “(7) EXTERNAL TRANSFER.—The term ‘exter-
18 nal transfer’ means a transfer to a unit of a dif-
19 ferent covered housing provider under the same cov-
20 ered housing program.”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)(3)—

22 (A) in the heading, by inserting after
23 “CRIMINAL ACTIVITY” the following: “AND FAM-
24 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, Continuums of
7 Care, grantees,”; and

8 (v) by striking clause (iii) (as redesign-
9 nated by clause (ii) of this subparagraph);
10 (D) in subparagraph (C)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Nothing in this subparagraph may be construed
2 to preclude any automatic termination of a
3 lease by operation of law.”;

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

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

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

14 (4) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(e) EMERGENCY TRANSFERS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Tenants who are victims of
18 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
19 stalking shall be transferred to another available and
20 safe dwelling unit assisted under a covered housing
21 program if—

22 “(A) the tenant expressly requests the
23 transfer from the covered housing provider; and

24 “(B)(i) the tenant reasonably believes that
25 the tenant is threatened with imminent harm

1 from further violence if the tenant remains
2 within the same dwelling unit assisted under a
3 covered housing program; or

4 “(ii) in the case of a tenant who is a victim
5 of sexual assault, the sexual assault occurred on
6 the premises during the 180 day period pre-
7 ceding the request for transfer.

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

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

19 “(A) describe a process that—

20 “(i) permits tenants who are victims
21 of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
22 ual assault, or stalking to move to another
23 available and safe dwelling quickly through
24 an internal emergency transfer and by re-

1 ceiving a tenant protection voucher, if eli-
2 gible, pursuant to subsection (f);

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

8 “(iii) requires that an internal emer-
9 gency transfer must occur within 10 days
10 after a covered housing provider’s approval
11 of a request for an emergency transfer;

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

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

1 “(D) prioritize completing internal emer-
2 gency transfers and receiving tenant protection
3 vouchers over external emergency transfers, ex-
4 cept for Continua of Care, which shall prioritize
5 completing an internal emergency transfer or
6 external emergency transfer prior to receiving a
7 tenant protection voucher;

8 “(E) mandate that emergency internal and
9 external transfers take priority over non-emer-
10 gency transfers;

11 “(F) mandate that emergency internal and
12 external transfers are not considered new appli-
13 cants and take priority over existing waiting
14 lists for a covered housing program;

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

23 “(H) mandate that if a victim cannot re-
24 ceive an internal transfer, external transfer, and
25 a tenant protection voucher, then the covered

1 housing provider must assist the victim in iden-
2 tifying other housing providers who may have
3 safe and available units to which the victim can
4 move and that the covered housing provider
5 also assist tenants in contacting local organiza-
6 tions offering assistance to victims; and

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

11 “(3) LOCAL CONTINUA OF CARE.—In addition
12 to reflecting the policies of the appropriate agencies
13 under paragraph (2), local Continua of Care shall
14 also—

15 “(A) coordinate emergency external trans-
16 fers among all covered housing providers par-
17 ticipating in the Continuum of Care;

18 “(B) identify an emergency external trans-
19 fer, if available, within 30 days of an approved
20 request;

21 “(C) coordinate emergency transfers with
22 Continua of Care in other jurisdictions in cases
23 where the victim requests an out-of-jurisdiction
24 transfer; and

1 “(D) ensure a victim is not required to be
2 reassessed through the local Continuum of Care
3 intake process when seeking an emergency
4 transfer placement.

5 “(4) REGIONAL OFFICES.—Each regional office
6 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
7 ment (hereinafter in this section referred to as a
8 ‘HUD regional office’) shall develop and implement
9 a regional emergency transfer plan in collaboration
10 with public housing agencies and the local Continua
11 of Care. Such a plan shall set forth how public hous-
12 ing agencies will coordinate emergency transfers
13 with other public housing agencies regionally. The
14 plans must be submitted to the Violence Against
15 Women Director and be made publicly available.
16 HUD regional offices shall defer to any additional
17 emergency transfer policies, priorities and strategies
18 set by local Continua of Care.

19 “(5) COVERED HOUSING PROVIDERS.—Each
20 covered housing provider shall develop and imple-
21 ment an emergency transfer policy consistent with
22 the requirements in paragraph (2) or (3).”;

23 (5) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
24 following: “The Secretary shall establish these poli-
25 cies and procedures within 60 days after the date of

1 enactment of the Violence Against Women Reau-
2 thorization Act of 2019.”;

3 (6) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
4 section (k); and

5 (7) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
6 lowing:

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

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

21 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out emergency
23 transfers under this section, \$20,000,000 under section
24 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
25 1437f(o)) for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

1 “(j) TRAINING AND REFERRALS.—

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

15 “(2) REFERRALS.—The appropriate agency
16 with respect to each covered housing program shall
17 supply all appropriate staff of the covered housing
18 providers with a referral listing of public contact in-
19 formation for all domestic violence, dating violence,
20 sexual assault, and stalking service providers offer-
21 ing services in its coverage area.”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 “(3) Covered housing provider compliance with
23 the notification requirements set forth in section
24 41411(d)(2).

1 “(4) Covered housing provider compliance with
2 accepting documentation set forth in section
3 41411(e).

4 “(5) Covered housing provider compliance with
5 emergency transfer requirements set forth in section
6 41411(e).

7 “(6) Covered housing provider compliance with
8 the prohibition on retaliation set forth in section
9 41414.

10 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Each appropriate agency shall
11 issue regulations to implement subsection (a) not later
12 than one year after the effective date of the Violence
13 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019. These regu-
14 lations shall—

15 “(1) define standards of compliance for covered
16 housing providers;

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

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

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

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

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

17 “(2) to supersede any provision of any Federal,
18 State, or local law that provides greater protection
19 than this subsection for victims of domestic violence,
20 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

21 **“SEC. 41413. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DE-**
22 **VELOPMENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DI-**
23 **RECTOR.**

24 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be, within the
25 Office of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and

1 Urban Development, a Violence Against Women Director
2 (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’).

3 “(b) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

4 “(1) support implementation of the provisions
5 of this subtitle;

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

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

20 “(4) provide technical assistance, coordination,
21 and support to each appropriate agency regarding
22 advancing housing protections and access to housing
23 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
24 ual assault, and stalking, including compliance with
25 this subtitle;

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

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

13 “(7) implement a quality control system and a
14 corrective action plan system for those covered hous-
15 ing providers that fail to comply with this subtitle,
16 wherein—

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

22 “(B) such corrective action plans shall in-
23 clude provisions requiring covered housing pro-
24 viders to review and develop appropriate no-
25 tices, procedures, and staff training to improve

1 compliance with this subtitle, in partnership
2 with national, state, or local programs focused
3 on child or adult victims;

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

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

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

17 “(11) ensure that the guidance and notices to
18 victims are distributed in commonly encountered lan-
19 guages.

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

22 “(1) to limit any claim filed or other proceeding
23 commenced, by the date of enactment of the Vio-
24 lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019,
25 with regard to any right, remedy, or procedure oth-

1 erwise available under the Violence Against Women
2 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162,
3 119 Stat. 2960), as in effect on the day prior to
4 such date of enactment; or

5 “(2) to supersede any provision of any Federal,
6 State, or local law that provides greater protection
7 than this subsection for victims of domestic violence,
8 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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

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

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

24 “(1) intimidating or threatening any person be-
25 cause that person is assisting or encouraging an in-

1 dividual entitled to claim the rights or protections
2 under this subtitle; and

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

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

11 **SEC. 603. PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME**
12 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title
14 IV of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
15 12491 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amend-
16 ed by inserting after section 41414 the following:

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

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Landlords, homeowners, resi-
20 dents, occupants, and guests of, and applicants for, hous-
21 ing assisted under a covered housing program shall have
22 the right to seek law enforcement or emergency assistance
23 on their own behalf or on behalf of another person in need
24 of assistance, and shall not be penalized based on their
25 requests for assistance or based on criminal activity of

1 which they are a victim or otherwise not at fault under
2 statutes, ordinances, regulations, or policies adopted or en-
3 forced by covered governmental entities as defined in sub-
4 section (d). Penalties that are prohibited include—

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

7 “(2) actual or threatened eviction;

8 “(3) actual or threatened refusal to rent or
9 renew tenancy;

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

12 “(5) actual or threatened closure of the prop-
13 erty, or designation of the property as a nuisance or
14 a similarly negative designation.

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

19 “(1) report any of their laws or policies, or, as
20 applicable, the laws or policies adopted by sub-
21 grantees, that impose penalties on landlords, home-
22 owners, residents, occupants, guests, or housing ap-
23 plicants based on requests for law enforcement or
24 emergency assistance or based on criminal activity
25 that occurred at a property; and

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

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

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

15 “(e) SUBGRANTEES.—For those covered govern-
16 mental entities that distribute funds to subgrantees, com-
17 pliance with subsection (b)(1) includes inquiring about the
18 existence of laws and policies adopted by subgrantees that
19 impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, residents, oc-
20 cupants, guests, or housing applicants based on requests
21 for law enforcement or emergency assistance or based on
22 criminal activity that occurred at a property.”.

23 (b) SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE, ALTERNATIVE CRIME
24 REDUCTION METHODS.—

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

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

19 (2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USE OF COPS
20 FUNDS.—Section 1701(b) of part Q of title I of the
21 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
22 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

14 “(25) To develop and implement alternative
15 methods of reducing crime in communities, to sup-
16 plant punitive programs or policies. For purposes of
17 this paragraph, a punitive program or policy is a
18 program or policy that (A) imposes a penalty on a
19 victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
20 assault, or stalking, on the basis of a request by the
21 victim for law enforcement or emergency assistance;
22 or (B) imposes a penalty on such a victim because
23 of criminal activity at the property in which the vic-
24 tim resides.”.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (2) in subsection (g)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2014
18 through 2018” and inserting “2020 through
19 2024”; and

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

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

4 (a) MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE
5 GRANTS.—Section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Home-

6 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11383(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (6), by inserting after “cur-
8 rently residing in permanent housing,” the following:

9 “who are seeking an external emergency transfer (as
10 such term is defined in section 41411 of the Vio-
11 lence Against Women Act of 1994) pursuant to sec-
12 tion 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of
13 1994,”; and

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

15 “(13) Facilitating and coordinating activities to
16 ensure compliance with section 41411(e) of the Vio-
17 lence Against Women Act of 1994, including, in con-
18 sultation with the regional office (if applicable) of
19 the appropriate agency (as such term is defined in
20 section 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of
21 1994), development of external emergency transfer
22 memoranda of understanding between covered hous-
23 ing providers, participating in the local Continua of
24 Care, facilitation of external emergency transfers be-
25 tween those covered housing providers participating
26 in the local Continua of Care, and monitoring com-

1 pliance with the confidentiality protections of section
2 41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of
3 1994 for reporting to that regional office.”.

4 (b) DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
5 OTHER DANGEROUS OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS
6 AMENDED.—Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento
7 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(b)) is amend-
8 ed by striking “in the individual’s or family’s current
9 housing situation”.

10 (c) COLLABORATIVE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE
11 LONG-TERM STABILITY OF VICTIMS.—Section 41404(i)
12 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
13 12474(i)) is amended by striking “2014 through 2018”
14 and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

15 (d) GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST
16 WOMEN IN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.—Section
17 41405 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34
18 U.S.C. 12475) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “the Director
20 of the Violence Against Women Office” and insert-
21 ing “the Director of the Office on Violence Against
22 Women”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(D), by inserting after
24 “linguistically and culturally specific service pro-

1 viders,” the following: “population-specific organiza-
2 tions,”; and

3 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through
4 2018” and inserting the following: “2020 through
5 2024”.

6 **SEC. 606. UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937 AMEND-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 Section 5A(d) of the United States Housing Act of
9 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c–1(d)) is amended—

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

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

14 “(A) COPIES.—A copy of—

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

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

24 “(iii) any and all memoranda of un-
25 derstanding with other covered housing

1 providers developed to facilitate emergency
2 transfers under section 41411(e) of the Vi-
3 olence Against Women Act of 1994.

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

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

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

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

23 “(iv) all training and support services
24 offered to staff of the public housing agen-
25 cy to provide a basic understanding of do-

1 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
2 sault, and stalking, and to facilitate imple-
3 mentation of the housing protections of
4 section 41411 of the Violence Against
5 Women Act of 1994.”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (16), by inserting “the Violence
7 Against Women Act of 1994,” before “the Fair
8 Housing Act”.

9 **TITLE VII—ECONOMIC SECURITY** 10 **FOR VICTIMS**

11 **SEC. 701. FINDINGS.**

12 Congress finds the following:

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

20 (2) The Office on Violence Against Women of
21 the Department of Justice defines domestic violence
22 as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship
23 that is used by one intimate partner to gain or
24 maintain power and control over another intimate
25 partner. Domestic violence can include physical, sex-

1 ual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or
2 threats of actions that influence another person. Do-
3 mestic violence includes any behaviors that intimi-
4 date, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, ter-
5 rorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or
6 wound an individual.

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

14 (4) Homicide is one of the leading causes of
15 death for women on the job. Domestic partners or
16 relatives commit 43 percent of workplace homicides
17 against women. One study found that intimate part-
18 ner violence resulted in 142 homicides among women
19 at work in the United States from 2003 to 2008, a
20 figure which represents 22 percent of the 648 work-
21 place homicides among women during the period. In
22 fact, in 2010, homicides against women at work in-
23 creased by 13 percent despite continuous declines in
24 overall workplace homicides in recent years.

1 (5) Women in the United States are 11 times
2 more likely to be murdered with guns than women
3 in other high-income countries. Female intimate
4 partners are more likely to be murdered with a fire-
5 arm than all other means combined. The presence of
6 a gun in domestic violence situations increases the
7 risk of homicide for women by 500 percent.

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

23 (7) Studies find that 60 percent of single
24 women lack economic security and 81 percent of
25 households with single mothers live in economic inse-

1 curity. Significant barriers that survivors confront
2 include access to housing, transportation, and child
3 care. Ninety-two percent of homeless women have
4 experienced domestic violence, and more than 50
5 percent of such women cite domestic violence as the
6 direct cause for homelessness. Survivors are deprived
7 of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face
8 tremendous threats to their health and safety.

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

19 (9) Annual costs of intimate partner violence
20 are estimated to be more than \$8,300,000,000. Ac-
21 cording to the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
22 vention, the costs of intimate partner violence
23 against women in 1995 exceeded an estimated
24 \$5,800,000,000. These costs included nearly
25 \$4,100,000,000 in the direct costs of medical and

1 mental health care and nearly \$1,800,000,000 in the
2 indirect costs of lost productivity. These statistics
3 are generally considered to be underestimated be-
4 cause the costs associated with the criminal justice
5 system are not included.

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

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

24 (12) Abusers frequently seek to exert financial
25 control over their partners by actively interfering

1 with their ability to work, including preventing their
2 partners from going to work, harassing their part-
3 ners at work, limiting their partners' access to cash
4 or transportation, and sabotaging their partners'
5 child care arrangements.

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

22 (14) The Patient Protection and Affordable
23 Care Act (Public Law 111-148), and the amend-
24 ments made by such Act, ensures that most health
25 plans must cover preventive services, including

1 screening and counseling for domestic violence, at no
2 additional cost. In addition, it prohibits insurance
3 companies from discriminating against patients for
4 preexisting conditions, like domestic violence.

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

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

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

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

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

1 rates charged, and standards for payment of
2 claims; or

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

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

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

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

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) by inserting “and sexual harassment”
20 after “domestic and sexual violence”; and

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

1 being a victim of sexual or other harassment or a
2 survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or
3 stalking; and”.

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

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

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

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

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

20 “(i) a sworn statement and a form of
21 identification,

22 “(ii) a police or court record, or

23 “(iii) documentation from a survivor
24 services organization, an attorney, a police
25 officer, a medical professional, a social

1 worker, an antiviolence counselor, a mem-
2 ber of the clergy, or another professional,
3 and

4 “(B) an attestation that such voluntary
5 separation is attributable to such harassment,
6 violence, assault, or stalking.

7 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-
8 tion—

9 “(A) The terms ‘domestic violence’, ‘sexual
10 assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the meanings given
11 such terms in section 40002 of the Violence
12 Against Women Act of 1994.

13 “(B) The term ‘survivor of domestic vio-
14 lence, sexual assault, or stalking’ has the mean-
15 ing given such term in section 41502 of the Vi-
16 olence Against Women Act of 1994.

17 “(C) The term ‘survivor services organiza-
18 tion’ means an organization exempt from tax
19 under section 501(a) that provides assistance to
20 or advocates for survivors of domestic violence,
21 sexual assault, or stalking.”.

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

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
2 (12) as paragraphs (5) through (13), respectively;
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(4)(A) Such methods of administration as will
7 ensure that—

8 “(i) applicants for unemployment com-
9 pensation and individuals inquiring about such
10 compensation are notified of the provisions of
11 section 3304(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue
12 Code of 1986; and

13 “(ii) claims reviewers and hearing per-
14 sonnel are trained in—

15 “(I) the nature and dynamics of sex-
16 ual and other harassment, domestic vio-
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

18 “(II) methods of ascertaining and
19 keeping confidential information about pos-
20 sible experiences of sexual and other har-
21 assment, domestic violence, sexual assault,
22 or stalking to ensure that—

23 “(aa) requests for unemployment
24 compensation based on separations
25 stemming from sexual and other har-

1 assment, domestic violence, sexual as-
2 sault, or stalking are identified and
3 adjudicated; and

4 “(bb) confidentiality is provided
5 for the individual’s claim and sub-
6 mitted evidence.

7 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph—

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

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

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

17 “(I) a person who has experienced or
18 is experiencing domestic violence, sexual
19 assault, or stalking; and

20 “(II) a person whose family or house-
21 hold member has experienced or is experi-
22 encing domestic violence, sexual assault, or
23 stalking.”.

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

4 “(8) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL
5 PROVIDE INFORMATION TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL
6 AND OTHER HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
7 SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A certification by the
9 chief executive officer of the State that the
10 State has established and is enforcing stand-
11 ards and procedures to—

12 “(i) ensure that applicants for assist-
13 ance under State program funded under
14 this part and individuals inquiring about
15 such assistance are adequately notified
16 of—

17 “(I) the provisions of section
18 3304(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue
19 Code of 1986; and

20 “(II) assistance made available
21 by the State to survivors of sexual
22 and other harassment, domestic vio-
23 lence, sexual assault, or stalking;

24 “(ii) ensure that case workers and
25 other agency personnel responsible for ad-

1 ministering the State program funded
2 under this part are adequately trained in—

3 “(I) the nature and dynamics of
4 sexual and other harassment, domes-
5 tic violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
6 ing;

7 “(II) State standards and proce-
8 dures relating to the prevention of,
9 and assistance for individuals who are
10 survivors of sexual and other harass-
11 ment, domestic violence, sexual as-
12 sault, or stalking; and

13 “(III) methods of ascertaining
14 and keeping confidential information
15 about possible experiences of sexual
16 and other harassment, domestic vio-
17 lence, sexual assault, or stalking;

18 “(iii) ensure that, if a State has elect-
19 ed to establish and enforce standards and
20 procedures regarding the screening for,
21 and identification of, domestic violence
22 pursuant to paragraph (7)—

23 “(I) applicants for assistance
24 under the State program funded
25 under this part and individuals inquir-

1 ing about such assistance are ade-
2 quately notified of options available
3 under such standards and procedures;
4 and

5 “(II) case workers and other
6 agency personnel responsible for ad-
7 ministering the State program funded
8 under this part are provided with ade-
9 quate training regarding such stand-
10 ards and procedures and options
11 available under such standards and
12 procedures; and

13 “(iv) ensure that the training required
14 under subparagraphs (B) and, if applica-
15 ble, (C)(ii) is provided through a training
16 program operated by an eligible entity.

17 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
18 paragraph—

19 “(i) the terms ‘domestic violence’,
20 ‘sexual assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the
21 meanings given such terms in section
22 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act
23 of 1994 ;

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

4 “(iii) the term ‘survivor of domestic
5 violence, sexual assault, or stalking’
6 means—

7 “(I) a person who has experi-
8 enced or is experiencing domestic vio-
9 lence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

10 “(II) a person whose family or
11 household member has experienced or
12 is experiencing domestic violence, sex-
13 ual assault, or stalking.”.

14 (d) SEXUAL AND OTHER HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING TRAINING
16 GRANT PROGRAM.—

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

20 (A) a grant to a national survivor services
21 organization in order for such organization to—

22 (i) develop and disseminate a model
23 training program (and related materials)
24 for the training required under section
25 303(a)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act, as

1 added by subsection (b), and under sub-
2 paragraph (B) and, if applicable, subpara-
3 graph (C)(ii) of section 402(a)(8) of such
4 Act, as added by subsection (c); and

5 (ii) provide technical assistance with
6 respect to such model training program,
7 including technical assistance to the tem-
8 porary assistance for needy families pro-
9 gram and unemployment compensation
10 personnel; and

11 (B) grants to State, tribal, or local agen-
12 cies in order for such agencies to contract with
13 eligible entities to provide State, tribal, or local
14 caseworkers and other State, tribal, or local
15 agency personnel responsible for administering
16 the temporary assistance for needy families pro-
17 gram established under part A of title IV of the
18 Social Security Act in a State or Indian res-
19 ervation with the training required under sub-
20 paragraph (B) and, if applicable, subparagraph
21 (C)(ii) of such section 402(a)(8).

22 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For purposes
23 of paragraph (1)(B), the term “eligible entity”
24 means an entity—

25 (A) that is—

1 (i) a State or tribal domestic violence
2 coalition or sexual assault coalition;

3 (ii) a State or local survivor services
4 organization with recognized expertise in
5 the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual
6 assault, or stalking whose primary mission
7 is to provide services to survivors of do-
8 mestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking,
9 including a rape crisis center or domestic
10 violence program; or

11 (iii) an organization with dem-
12 onstrated expertise in State or county wel-
13 fare laws and implementation of such laws
14 and experience with disseminating informa-
15 tion on such laws and implementation, but
16 only if such organization will provide the
17 required training in partnership with an
18 entity described in clause (i) or (ii); and

19 (B) that—

20 (i) has demonstrated expertise in the
21 dynamics of both domestic violence and
22 sexual assault, such as a joint domestic vi-
23 olence and sexual assault coalition; or

24 (ii) will provide the required training
25 in partnership with an entity described in

1 clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) in
2 order to comply with the dual domestic vio-
3 lence and sexual assault expertise require-
4 ment under clause (i).

5 (3) APPLICATION.—An entity seeking a grant
6 under this subsection shall submit an application to
7 the Secretary at such time, in such form and man-
8 ner, and containing such information as the Sec-
9 retary specifies.

10 (4) REPORTS.—

11 (A) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
12 than a year after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary
14 shall submit to Congress a report on the grant
15 program established under this subsection.

16 (B) REPORTS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.—
17 The Secretary shall establish procedures for the
18 dissemination to the public of each report sub-
19 mitted under subparagraph (A). Such proce-
20 dures shall include the use of the internet to
21 disseminate such reports.

22 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to
24 be appropriated—

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

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

7 (B) THREE-YEAR AVAILABILITY OF GRANT
8 FUNDS.—Each recipient of a grant under this
9 subsection shall return to the Secretary any un-
10 used portion of such grant not later than 3
11 years after the date the grant was awarded, to-
12 gether with any earnings on such unused por-
13 tion.

14 (C) AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Any amounts
15 returned pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be
16 available without further appropriation to the
17 Secretary for the purpose of carrying out the
18 provisions of paragraph (1)(B).

19 (e) EFFECT ON EXISTING LAWS, ETC.—

20 (1) MORE PROTECTIVE LAWS, AGREEMENTS,
21 PROGRAMS, AND PLANS.—Nothing in this title shall
22 be construed to supersede any provision of any Fed-
23 eral, State, or local law, collective bargaining agree-
24 ment, or employment benefits program or plan that
25 provides greater unemployment insurance benefits

1 for survivors of sexual and other harassment, domes-
2 tic violence, sexual assault, or stalking than the
3 rights established under this title.

4 (2) LESS PROTECTIVE LAWS, AGREEMENTS,
5 PROGRAMS, AND PLANS.—Any law, collective bar-
6 gaining agreement, or employment benefits program
7 or plan of a State or unit of local government is pre-
8 empted to the extent that such law, agreement, or
9 program or plan would impair the exercise of any
10 right established under this title or the amendments
11 made by this title.

12 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) UNEMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
15 subparagraph (B) and paragraph (2), the
16 amendments made by this section shall apply in
17 the case of compensation paid for weeks begin-
18 ning on or after the expiration of 180-day pe-
19 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this
20 Act.

21 (B) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
22 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
24 in paragraph (2), in a case in which the
25 Secretary of Labor identifies a State as re-

1 quiring a change to its statutes, regula-
2 tions, or policies in order to comply with
3 the amendments made by this section, such
4 amendments shall apply in the case of
5 compensation paid for weeks beginning
6 after the earlier of—

7 (I) the date the State changes its
8 statutes, regulations, or policies in
9 order to comply with such amend-
10 ments; or

11 (II) the end of the first session of
12 the State legislature which begins
13 after the date of enactment of this
14 Act or which began prior to such date
15 and remained in session for at least
16 25 calendar days after such date, ex-
17 cept that in no case shall such amend-
18 ments apply before the date that is
19 180 days after the date of enactment
20 of this Act.

21 (ii) SESSION DEFINED.—In this sub-
22 paragraph, the term “session” means a
23 regular, special, budget, or other session of
24 a State legislature.

25 (2) TANF AMENDMENT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
2 subparagraph (B), the amendment made by
3 subsection (c) shall take effect on the date of
4 enactment of this Act.

5 (B) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
6 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—In the case of a
7 State plan under part A of title IV of the Social
8 Security Act which the Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services determines requires State ac-
10 tion (including legislation, regulation, or other
11 administrative action) in order for the plan to
12 meet the additional requirements imposed by
13 the amendment made by subsection (c), the
14 State plan shall not be regarded as failing to
15 comply with the requirements of such amend-
16 ment on the basis of its failure to meet these
17 additional requirements before the first day of
18 the first calendar quarter beginning after the
19 close of the first regular session of the State
20 legislature that begins after the date of enact-
21 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous
22 sentence, in the case of a State that has a two-
23 year legislative session, each year of the session
24 is considered to be a separate regular session of
25 the State legislature.

1 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “sexual
2 and other harassment”, “domestic violence”, “sexual as-
3 sault”, “stalking”, “survivor of sexual and other harass-
4 ment, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking”, and
5 “survivor services organization” have the meanings given
6 such terms in section 3304(g) of the Internal Revenue
7 Code of 1986.

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

10 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
11 Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall
12 conduct a study on the barriers that survivors of domestic
13 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
14 throughout the United States experience in maintaining
15 economic security as a result of issues related to domestic
16 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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

22 (c) CONTENTS.—The study and reports under this
23 section shall include—

24 (1) identification of geographic areas in which
25 State laws, regulations, and practices have a strong

1 impact on the ability of survivors of domestic vio-
2 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to
3 exercise—

4 (A) any rights under this Act without com-
5 promising personal safety or the safety of oth-
6 ers, including family members and excluding
7 the abuser; and

8 (B) other components of economic security;

9 (2) identification of geographic areas with
10 shortages in resources for such survivors, with an
11 accompanying analysis of the extent and impact of
12 such shortage;

13 (3) analysis of factors related to industries,
14 workplace settings, employer practices, trends, and
15 other elements that impact the ability of such sur-
16 vivors to exercise any rights under this Act without
17 compromising personal safety or the safety of others,
18 including family members;

19 (4) the recommendations of the Secretary of
20 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of
21 Labor with respect to resources, oversight, and en-
22 forcement tools to ensure successful implementation
23 of the provisions of this Act in order to support the
24 economic security and safety of survivors of domestic

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

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

7 **SEC. 705. GAO STUDY.**

8 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
10 shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education,
11 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that examines,
12 with respect to survivors of domestic violence, dating vio-
13 lence, sexual assault, or stalking who are, or were, enrolled
14 at institutions of higher education and borrowed a loan
15 made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV of the Higher
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) for which
17 the survivors have not repaid the total interest and prin-
18 cipal due, each of the following:

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

22 (2) The adequacy of policies and procedures re-
23 garding Federal student loan deferment, forbear-
24 ance, and grace periods when a survivor has to sus-
25 pend or terminate the survivor's enrollment at an in-

1 stitution of higher education due to domestic vio-
2 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

3 (3) The adequacy of institutional policies and
4 practices regarding retention or transfer of credits
5 when a survivor has to suspend or terminate the
6 survivor's enrollment at an institution of higher edu-
7 cation due to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
8 ual assault, or stalking.

9 (4) The availability or any options for a sur-
10 vivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
11 sault, or stalking who attended an institution of
12 higher education that committed unfair, deceptive,
13 or abusive acts or practices, or otherwise substan-
14 tially misrepresented information to students, to be
15 able to seek a defense to repayment of the survivor's
16 Federal student loan.

17 (5) The limitations faced by a survivor of do-
18 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
19 stalking to obtain any relief or restitution on the
20 survivor's Federal student loan debt due to the use
21 of forced arbitration, gag orders, or bans on class
22 actions.

23 **SEC. 706. EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAMS FOR**
24 **SURVIVORS.**

25 (a) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in
2 conjunction with the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services (through the Director of the Cen-
4 ters for Disease Control and Prevention and the
5 grant recipient under section 41501 of the Violence
6 Against Women Act of 1994 that establishes the na-
7 tional resource center on workplace responses to as-
8 sist victims of domestic and sexual violence) and the
9 Attorney General (through the Principal Deputy Di-
10 rector of the Office on Violence Against Women),
11 shall coordinate and provide for a national public
12 outreach and education campaign to raise public
13 awareness of the workplace impact of domestic vio-
14 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,
15 including outreach and education for employers,
16 service providers, teachers, and other key partners.
17 This campaign shall pay special attention to ensure
18 that survivors are made aware of the existence of the
19 following types of workplace laws (federal and/or
20 State): anti-discrimination laws that bar treating
21 survivors differently; leave laws, both paid and un-
22 paid that are available for use by survivors; unem-
23 ployment insurance laws and policies that address
24 survivor eligibility.

1 (2) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary of Labor,
2 in conjunction with the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services and the Attorney General, as de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1), may disseminate informa-
5 tion through the public outreach and education cam-
6 paign on the resources and rights referred to in this
7 subsection directly or through arrangements with
8 health agencies, professional and nonprofit organiza-
9 tions, consumer groups, labor organizations, institu-
10 tions of higher education, clinics, the media, and
11 Federal, State, and local agencies.

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

15 (A) the resources and rights that are—

16 (i) available to survivors of domestic
17 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
18 stalking; and

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

22 (B) guidelines and best practices on pre-
23 vention of domestic violence, dating violence,
24 stalking, and sexual assault;

1 (C) resources that promote healthy rela-
2 tionships and communication skills;

3 (D) resources that encourage bystander
4 intervention in a situation involving domestic vi-
5 olence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual as-
6 sault;

7 (E) resources that promote workplace poli-
8 cies that support and help maintain the eco-
9 nomic security of survivors of domestic violence,
10 dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and

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

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) EMPLOYEE.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “employee”
17 means any individual employed by an employer.
18 In the case of an individual employed by a pub-
19 lic agency, such term means an individual em-
20 ployed as described in section 3(e)(2) of the
21 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
22 203(e)(2)).

23 (B) BASIS.—The term includes a person
24 employed as described in subparagraph (A) on
25 a full- or part-time basis, for a fixed time pe-

1 riod, on a temporary basis, pursuant to a detail,
2 or as a participant in a work assignment as a
3 condition of receipt of Federal or State income-
4 based public assistance.

5 (2) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer”—

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

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

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

23 (c) STUDY ON WORKPLACE RESPONSES.—The Sec-
24 retary of Labor, in conjunction with the Secretary of
25 Health and Human Services, shall conduct a study on the

1 status of workplace responses to employees who experience
2 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
3 ing while employed, in each State and nationally, to im-
4 prove the access of survivors of domestic violence, dating
5 violence, sexual assault, or stalking to supportive resources
6 and economic security.

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
9 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
10 2020 through 2024.

11 **SEC. 707. SEVERABILITY.**

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

1 **TITLE VIII—HOMICIDE**
2 **REDUCTION INITIATIVES**

3 **SEC. 801. PROHIBITING PERSONS CONVICTED OF MIS-**
4 **DEMEANOR CRIMES AGAINST DATING PART-**
5 **NERS AND PERSONS SUBJECT TO PROTEC-**
6 **TION ORDERS.**

7 Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

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

12 “(A) means, with respect to a person, the
13 spouse of the person, a former spouse of the
14 person, an individual who is a parent of a child
15 of the person, and an individual who cohabi-
16 tates or has cohabited with the person; and

17 “(B) includes—

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

20 “(ii) any other person similarly situ-
21 ated to a spouse who is protected by the
22 domestic or family violence laws of the
23 State or tribal jurisdiction in which the in-
24 jury occurred or where the victim resides.”;

25 (2) in paragraph (33)(A)—

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

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

5 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (34) and (35)
6 as paragraphs (35) and (36) respectively; and

7 (4) by inserting after paragraph (33) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(34)(A) The term ‘misdemeanor crime of stalking’
10 means an offense that—

11 “(i) is a misdemeanor crime of stalking under
12 Federal, State, Tribal, or municipal law; and

13 “(ii) is a course of harassment, intimidation, or
14 surveillance of another person that—

15 “(I) places that person in reasonable fear
16 of material harm to the health or safety of—

17 “(aa) that person;

18 “(bb) an immediate family member
19 (as defined in section 115) of that person;

20 “(cc) a household member of that per-
21 son; or

22 “(dd) a spouse or intimate partner of
23 that person; or

24 “(II) causes, attempts to cause, or would
25 reasonably be expected to cause emotional dis-

1 tress to a person described in item (aa), (bb),
2 (cc), or (dd) of subclause (I).

3 “(B) A person shall not be considered to have been
4 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter,
5 unless—

6 “(i) the person was represented by counsel in
7 the case, or knowingly and intelligently waived the
8 right to counsel in the case; and

9 “(ii) in the case of a prosecution for an offense
10 described in this paragraph for which a person was
11 entitled to a jury trial in the jurisdiction in which
12 the case was tried, either—

13 “(I) the case was tried by a jury; or

14 “(II) the person knowingly and intel-
15 ligently waived the right to have the case tried
16 by a jury, by guilty plea or otherwise.

17 “(C) A person shall not be considered to have been
18 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter
19 if the conviction has been expunged or set aside, or is an
20 offense for which the person has been pardoned or has
21 had civil rights restored (if the law of the applicable juris-
22 diction provides for the loss of civil rights under such an
23 offense) unless the pardon, expungement, or restoration
24 of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not
25 ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.”.

1 **SEC. 802. PROHIBITING STALKERS AND INDIVIDUALS SUB-**
2 **JECT TO COURT ORDER FROM POSSESSING A**
3 **FIREARM.**

4 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “that re-
8 strains such person” and all that follows, and
9 inserting “described in subsection (g)(8);”;

10 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-
11 riod at the end and inserting “; or”;

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
13 following:

14 “(10) who has been convicted in any court of
15 a misdemeanor crime of stalking.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (g)—

17 (A) by amending paragraph (8) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(8) who is subject to a court order—

20 “(A) that was issued—

21 “(i) after a hearing of which such per-
22 son received actual notice, and at which
23 such person had an opportunity to partici-
24 pate; or

1 “(ii) in the case of an ex parte order,
2 relative to which notice and opportunity to
3 be heard are provided—

4 “(I) within the time required by
5 State, tribal, or territorial law; and

6 “(II) in any event within a rea-
7 sonable time after the order is issued,
8 sufficient to protect the due process
9 rights of the person;

10 “(B) that restrains such person from—

11 “(i) harassing, stalking, or threat-
12 ening an intimate partner of such person
13 or child of such intimate partner or person,
14 or engaging in other conduct that would
15 place an intimate partner in reasonable
16 fear of bodily injury to the partner or
17 child; or

18 “(ii) intimidating or dissuading a wit-
19 ness from testifying in court; and

20 “(C) that—

21 “(i) includes a finding that such per-
22 son represents a credible threat to the
23 physical safety of such individual described
24 in subparagraph (B); or

1 “(ii) by its terms explicitly prohibits
2 the use, attempted use, or threatened use
3 of physical force against such individual
4 described in subparagraph (B) that would
5 reasonably be expected to cause bodily in-
6 jury;”;

7 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the
8 comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
10 following:

11 “(10) who has been convicted in any court of
12 a misdemeanor crime of stalking,”.

13 **TITLE IX—SAFETY FOR INDIAN**
14 **WOMEN**

15 **SEC. 901. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

16 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

17 (1) American Indians and Alaska Natives are
18 2.5 times as likely to experience violent crimes—and
19 at least 2 times more likely to experience rape or
20 sexual assault crimes—compared to all other races.

21 (2) More than 4 in 5 American Indian and
22 Alaska Native women, or 84.3 percent, have experi-
23 enced violence in their lifetime.

1 (3) The vast majority of Native victims—96%
2 of women and 89% of male victims—report being
3 victimized by a non-Indian.

4 (4) Native victims of sexual violence are three
5 times as likely to have experienced sexual violence by
6 an interracial perpetrator as non-Hispanic White
7 victims and Native stalking victims are nearly 4
8 times as likely to be stalked by someone of a dif-
9 ferent race.

10 (5) While tribes exercising jurisdiction over
11 non-Indians have reported significant successes, the
12 inability to prosecute crimes related to the Special
13 Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction crimes con-
14 tinues to leave Tribes unable to fully hold domestic
15 violence offenders accountable.

16 (6) Tribal prosecutors report that the majority
17 of domestic violence cases involve children either as
18 witnesses or victims, and Department of Justice re-
19 ports that American Indian and Alaska Native chil-
20 dren suffer exposure to violence at rates higher than
21 any other race in the United States.

22 (7) Childhood exposure to violence has imme-
23 diate and long-term effects, including: increased
24 rates of altered neurological development, poor phys-
25 ical and mental health, poor school performance,

1 substance abuse, and overrepresentation in the juve-
2 nile justice system.

3 (8) According to the Centers for Disease Con-
4 trol and Prevention, homicide is the third leading
5 cause of death among American Indian and Alaska
6 Native women between 10 and 24 years of age and
7 the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian
8 and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years
9 of age.

10 (9) On some reservations, Indian women are
11 murdered at more than 10 times the national aver-
12 age.

13 (10) According to a 2010 Government Account-
14 ability Office report, United States Attorneys de-
15 clined to prosecute nearly 52 percent of violent
16 crimes that occur in Indian country.

17 (11) Investigation into cases of missing and
18 murdered Indian women is made difficult for tribal
19 law enforcement agencies due to a lack of resources,
20 such as—

21 (A) necessary training, equipment, or
22 funding;

23 (B) a lack of interagency cooperation; and

24 (C) a lack of appropriate laws in place.

1 (12) Domestic violence calls are among the
2 most dangerous calls that law enforcement receives.

3 (13) The complicated jurisdictional scheme that
4 exists in Indian country—

5 (A) has a significant negative impact on
6 the ability to provide public safety to Indian
7 communities;

8 (B) has been increasingly exploited by
9 criminals; and

10 (C) requires a high degree of commitment
11 and cooperation among tribal, Federal, and
12 State law enforcement officials.

13 (14) Restoring and enhancing local, tribal ca-
14 pacity to address violence against women provides
15 for greater local control, safety, accountability, and
16 transparency.

17 (15) In States with restrictive land settlement
18 acts such as Alaska, “Indian country” is limited, re-
19 sources for local tribal responses either nonexistent
20 or insufficient to meet the needs, jurisdiction unnec-
21 essarily complicated and increases the already high
22 levels of victimization of American Indian and Alas-
23 ka Native women. According to the Tribal Law and
24 Order Act Commission Report, Alaska Native
25 women are over-represented in the domestic violence

1 victim population by 250 percent; they comprise 19
2 percent of the State population, but are 47 percent
3 of reported rape victims. And among other Indian
4 Tribes, Alaska Native women suffer the highest
5 rates of domestic and sexual violence in the country.

6 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

7 (1) to clarify the responsibilities of Federal,
8 State, tribal, and local governments with respect to
9 responding to cases of domestic violence, dating vio-
10 lence, stalking, trafficking, sexual violence, crimes
11 against children, and assault against tribal law en-
12 forcement officers and murdered Indians;

13 (2) to increase coordination and communication
14 among Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforce-
15 ment agencies; and

16 (3) to empower tribal governments with the re-
17 sources and information necessary to effectively re-
18 spond to cases of domestic violence, dating violence,
19 stalking, sex trafficking, sexual violence, and missing
20 and murdered Indians; and

21 (4) to increase the collection of data related to
22 missing and murdered Indians and the sharing of in-
23 formation among Federal, State, and tribal officials
24 responsible for responding to and investigating cases
25 of missing and murdered Indians.

1 **SEC. 902. AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE TRIBAL ACCESS**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Section 534 of title 28, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of
7 fiscal years 2020 through 2024, to remain available until
8 expended, for the purposes of enhancing the ability of trib-
9 al government entities to access, enter information into,
10 and obtain information from, Federal criminal informa-
11 tion databases, as authorized by this section.”.

12 **SEC. 903. TRIBAL JURISDICTION OVER CRIMES OF DOMES-**
13 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OBSTRUC-**
14 **TION OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, SEX**
15 **TRAFFICKING, STALKING, AND ASSAULT OF A**
16 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORREC-**
17 **TIONS OFFICER.**

18 Section 204 of Public Law 90–284 (25 U.S.C. 1304)
19 (commonly known as the “Indian Civil Rights Act of
20 1968”) is amended—

21 (1) in the heading, by striking “**CRIMES OF**
22 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**” and inserting “**CRIMES**
23 **OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
24 **OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE,**
25 **SEX TRAFFICKING, STALKING, AND ASSAULT**

1 **OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS**
2 **OFFICER”**;

3 (2) in subsection (a)(6), in the heading, by
4 striking “SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL
5 JURISDICTION” and inserting “SPECIAL TRIBAL
6 CRIMINAL JURISDICTION”;

7 (3) by striking “special domestic violence crimi-
8 nal jurisdiction” each place such term appears and
9 inserting “special tribal criminal jurisdiction”;

10 (4) in subsection (a)—

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

12 “(12) STALKING.—The term ‘stalking’ means
13 engaging in a course of conduct directed at a spe-
14 cific person proscribed by the criminal law of the In-
15 dian tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-
16 try where the violation occurs that would cause a
17 reasonable person to—

18 (A) fear for the person’s safety or the
19 safety of others; or

20 (B) suffer substantial emotional dis-
21 tress.”;

22 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and
23 (7) as paragraphs (10) and (11);

24 (C) by inserting before paragraph (10) (as
25 redesignated) the following:

1 “(8) SEX TRAFFICKING.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘sex traf-
3 ficking’ means conduct—

4 “(i) consisting of—

5 “(I) recruiting, enticing, har-
6 boring, transporting, providing, ob-
7 taining, advertising, maintaining, pa-
8 tronizing, or soliciting by any means a
9 person; or

10 “(II) benefitting, financially or
11 by receiving anything of value, from
12 participation in a venture that has en-
13 gaged in an act described in subclause
14 (I); and

15 “(ii) carried out with the knowledge,
16 or, except where the act constituting the
17 violation of clause (i) is advertising, in
18 reckless disregard of the fact, that—

19 “(I) means of force, threats of
20 force, fraud, coercion, or any combina-
21 tion of such means will be used to
22 cause the person to engage in a com-
23 mercial sex act; or

1 “(II) the person has not attained
2 the age of 18 years and will be caused
3 to engage in a commercial sex act.

4 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
5 the terms ‘coercion’ and ‘commercial sex act’
6 have the meanings given the terms in section
7 1591(e) of title 18, United States Code.

8 “(9) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term ‘sexual vio-
9 lence’ means any nonconsensual sexual act or con-
10 tact proscribed by the criminal law of the Indian
11 tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian country
12 where the violation occurs, including in any case in
13 which the victim lacks the capacity to consent to the
14 act.”;

15 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
16 (5) as paragraphs (6) and (7);

17 (E) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
18 through (3) as paragraphs (2) through (4);

19 (F) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated), to
20 read as follows:

21 “(3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-
22 tic violence’ means violence—

23 “(A) committed by a current or former
24 spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a
25 person with whom the victim shares a child in

1 common, by a person who is cohabitating with
2 or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse
3 or intimate partner, or by a person similarly
4 situated to a spouse of the victim under the
5 domestic- or family- violence laws of an Indian
6 tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian coun-
7 try where the violence occurs; or

8 “(B) committed against a victim who is a
9 child under the age of 18, or an elder (as such
10 term is defined by tribal law) who resides or
11 has resided in the same household as the de-
12 fendant.”;

13 (G) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as
14 redesignated), the following:

15 “(1) ASSAULT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
16 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.—The term ‘assault of a
17 law enforcement or correctional officer’ means any
18 criminal violation of the law of the Indian tribe that
19 has jurisdiction over the Indian country where the
20 violation occurs that involves the threatened, at-
21 tempted, or actual harmful or offensive touching of
22 a law enforcement or correctional officer.”;

23 (H) by inserting after paragraph (4) (as
24 redesignated), the following:

1 “(5) OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.—The term
2 ‘obstruction of justice’ means any violation of the
3 criminal law of the Indian tribe that has jurisdiction
4 over the Indian country where the violation occurs,
5 and the violation involves interfering with the ad-
6 ministration or due process of the tribe’s laws in-
7 cluding any tribal criminal proceeding or investiga-
8 tion of a crime.”;

9 (5) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after “the
10 powers of self-government of a participating tribe”
11 the following: “, including any participating tribes in
12 the State of Maine,”

13 (6) in subsection (b)(4)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting
15 after “over an alleged offense” the following: “,
16 other than obstruction of justice or an act of
17 assault of a law enforcement or corrections offi-
18 cer,”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at
21 the end;

22 (ii) in clause (iii)(II), by striking the
23 period at the end and inserting the fol-
24 lowing: “; or”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(iv) is being prosecuted for a crime
4 of sexual violence, stalking, sex trafficking,
5 obstructing justice, or assaulting a police
6 or corrections officer under the laws of the
7 prosecuting tribe.”;

8 (7) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
10 by striking “domestic violence” and inserting
11 “tribal”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
14 ing “AND DATING VIOLENCE” and insert-
15 ing “, DATING VIOLENCE, OBSTRUCTION
16 OF JUSTICE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, STALK-
17 ING, SEX TRAFFICKING, OR ASSAULT OF A
18 LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS OF-
19 FICER”; and

20 (ii) by striking “or dating violence”
21 and inserting “, dating violence, obstruc-
22 tion of justice, sexual violence, stalking,
23 sex trafficking, or assault of a law enforce-
24 ment or corrections officer”;

1 (8) in subsection (d), by striking “domestic vio-
2 lence” each place it appears and inserting “tribal”;

3 (9) in subsection (f)—

4 (A) by striking “special domestic violence”
5 each place it appears and inserting “special
6 tribal”;

7 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “pros-
8 ecutes” and all that follows through the semi-
9 colon at the end and inserting the following:
10 “prosecutes—

11 “(A) a crime of domestic violence;

12 “(B) a crime of dating violence;

13 “(C) a criminal violation of a protection
14 order;

15 “(D) a crime of sexual violence;

16 “(E) a crime of stalking;

17 “(F) a crime of sex trafficking;

18 “(G) a crime of obstruction of justice; or

19 “(H) a crime of assault of a law enforce-
20 ment or correctional officer;”;

21 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “sexual
22 violence, stalking, sex trafficking, obstruction of
23 justice, assault of a law enforcement or correc-
24 tional officer,” after “dating violence;” and

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

1 “(5) to create a pilot project to allow up to five
2 Indian tribes in Alaska to implement special tribal
3 criminal jurisdiction.”;

4 (10) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as
5 subsections (h) and (i), respectively;

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

8 “(g) INDIAN COUNTRY DEFINED.—For purposes of
9 the pilot project described in subsection (f)(5), the defini-
10 tion of ‘Indian country’ shall include Alaska Native-owned
11 Townsites, Allotments, and former reservation lands ac-
12 quired in fee by Alaska Native Village Corporations pursu-
13 ant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
14 U.S.C. 33) and other lands transferred in fee to Native
15 villages.”.

16 (12) in subsection (i) (as redesignated) by strik-
17 ing “fiscal years 2014 through 2018” and inserting
18 “fiscal years 2020 through 2024”.

19 **SEC. 904. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

20 Beginning in the first fiscal year after the date of
21 enactment of this title, and annually thereafter, the Attor-
22 ney General and the Secretary of the Interior shall jointly
23 prepare and submit a report, to the Committee on Indian
24 Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate
25 and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Com-

1 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,
2 that—

3 (1) includes known statistics on missing and
4 murdered Indian women in the United States, in-
5 cluding statistics relating to incidents of sexual
6 abuse or sexual assault suffered by the victims; and

7 (2) provides recommendations regarding how to
8 improve data collection on missing and murdered In-
9 dian women.

10 **TITLE X—OFFICE ON VIOLENCE** 11 **AGAINST WOMEN**

12 **SEC. 1001. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE** 13 **AGAINST WOMEN.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE
15 AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2002 of title I of the Omnibus
16 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
17 10442) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “a Violence
19 Against Women Office” and inserting “an Office on
20 Violence Against Women”;

21 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting after “within
22 the Department of Justice” the following: “, not
23 subsumed by any other office”;

24 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “Violence
25 Against Women Act of 1994 (title VI of Public 103–

1 322) and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000
2 (Division B of Public Law 106–386)” and inserting
3 “Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title VII of
4 Public 103–322), the Violence Against Women Act
5 of 2000 (Division B of Public Law 106–386), the
6 Violence Against Women and Department of Justice
7 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (title IX of Public Law
8 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080), the Violence Against
9 Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law
10 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), and the Violence Against
11 Women Reauthorization Act of 2019”.

12 (b) DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE
13 AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2003 of the Omnibus Crime
14 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10443)
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 **“SEC. 2003. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE**
17 **AGAINST WOMEN.**

18 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The President, by and with the
19 advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Director
20 for the Office on Violence Against Women (in this title
21 referred to as the ‘Director’) to be responsible, under the
22 general authority of the Attorney General, for the admin-
23 istration, coordination, and implementation of the pro-
24 grams and activities of the Office.

1 “(b) OTHER EMPLOYMENT.—The Director shall
2 not—

3 “(1) engage in any employment other than that
4 of serving as Director; or

5 “(2) hold any office in, or act in any capacity
6 for, any organization, agency, or institution with
7 which the Office makes any contract or other agree-
8 ment under the Violence Against Women Act of
9 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the Violence
10 Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Public
11 Law 106–386), the Violence Against Women and
12 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005
13 (title IX of Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080),
14 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
15 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), or the Vio-
16 lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019.

17 “(c) VACANCY.—In the case of a vacancy, the Presi-
18 dent may designate an officer or employee who shall act
19 as Director during the vacancy.

20 “(d) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be com-
21 pensated at a rate of pay not to exceed the rate payable
22 for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316
23 of title 5, United States Code.”.

24 (c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE
25 OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.—Section 2004

1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
2 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10444) is amended to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 2004. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE**
4 **OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

5 “The Director shall have the following duties:

6 “(1) Maintaining liaison with the judicial
7 branches of the Federal and State Governments on
8 matters relating to violence against women.

9 “(2) Providing information to the President,
10 the Congress, the judiciary, State, local, and tribal
11 governments, and the general public on matters re-
12 lating to violence against women.

13 “(3) Serving, at the request of the Attorney
14 General, as the representative of the Department of
15 Justice on domestic task forces, committees, or com-
16 missions addressing policy or issues relating to vio-
17 lence against women.

18 “(4) Serving, at the request of the President,
19 acting through the Attorney General, as the rep-
20 resentative of the United States Government on
21 human rights and economic justice matters related
22 to violence against women in international fora, in-
23 cluding, but not limited to, the United Nations.

24 “(5) Carrying out the functions of the Depart-
25 ment of Justice under the Violence Against Women

1 Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322), the
2 Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of
3 Public Law 106–386), the Violence Against Women
4 and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of
5 2005 (title IX of Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat.
6 3080), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization
7 Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54), and
8 the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
9 2019, including with respect to those functions—

10 “(A) the development of policy, protocols,
11 and guidelines;

12 “(B) the development and management of
13 grant programs and other programs, and the
14 provision of technical assistance under such
15 programs; and

16 “(C) the awarding and termination of
17 grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts.

18 “(6) Providing technical assistance, coordina-
19 tion, and support to—

20 “(A) other components of the Department
21 of Justice, in efforts to develop policy and to
22 enforce Federal laws relating to violence against
23 women, including the litigation of civil and
24 criminal actions relating to enforcing such laws;

1 “(B) other Federal, State, local, and tribal
2 agencies, in efforts to develop policy, provide
3 technical assistance, synchronize federal defini-
4 tions and protocols, and improve coordination
5 among agencies carrying out efforts to elimi-
6 nate violence against women, including Indian
7 or indigenous women; and

8 “(C) grantees, in efforts to combat violence
9 against women and to provide support and as-
10 sistance to victims of such violence.

11 “(7) Exercising such other powers and func-
12 tions as may be vested in the Director pursuant to
13 this subchapter or by delegation of the Attorney
14 General.

15 “(8) Establishing such rules, regulations, guide-
16 lines, and procedures as are necessary to carry out
17 any function of the Office.”.

18 (d) STAFF OF OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST
19 WOMEN.—Section 2005 of the Omnibus Crime Control
20 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10445) is amend-
21 ed in the heading, by striking “**VIOLENCE AGAINST**
22 **WOMEN OFFICE**” and inserting “**OFFICE ON VIO-**
23 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN**”.

24 (e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 121(a)(1) of
25 the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice

1 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20124(a)(1)) is
2 amended by striking “the Violence Against Women Of-
3 fice” and inserting “the Office on Violence Against
4 Women”.

5 **TITLE XI—IMPROVING CONDI-**
6 **TIONS FOR WOMEN IN FED-**
7 **ERAL CUSTODY**

8 **SEC. 1101. IMPROVING THE TREATMENT OF PRIMARY**
9 **CARETAKER PARENTS AND OTHER INDIVID-**
10 **UALS IN FEDERAL PRISONS.**

11 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
12 “Ramona Brant Improvement of Conditions for Women
13 in Federal Custody Act”.

14 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 303 of title 18, United
15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 **“§ 4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and**
18 **other individuals**

19 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

20 “(1) the term ‘correctional officer’ means a cor-
21 rectional officer of the Bureau of Prisons;

22 “(2) the term ‘covered institution’ means a
23 Federal penal or correctional institution;

24 “(3) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
25 the Bureau of Prisons;

1 “(4) the term ‘post-partum recovery’ means the
2 first 8-week period of post-partum recovery after
3 giving birth;

4 “(5) the term ‘primary caretaker parent’ has
5 the meaning given the term in section 31903 of the
6 Family Unity Demonstration Project Act (34 U.S.C.
7 12242);

8 “(6) the term ‘prisoner’ means an individual
9 who is incarcerated in a Federal penal or correc-
10 tional institution, including a vulnerable person; and

11 “(7) the term ‘vulnerable person’ means an in-
12 dividual who—

13 “(A) is under 21 years of age or over 60
14 years of age;

15 “(B) is pregnant;

16 “(C) identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual,
17 transgender, or intersex;

18 “(D) is victim or witness of a crime;

19 “(E) has filed a nonfrivolous civil rights
20 claim in Federal or State court;

21 “(F) has a serious mental or physical ill-
22 ness or disability; or

23 “(G) during the period of incarceration,
24 has been determined to have experienced or to

1 be experiencing severe trauma or to be the vic-
2 tim of gender-based violence—

3 “(i) by any court or administrative ju-
4 dicial proceeding;

5 “(ii) by any corrections official;

6 “(iii) by the individual’s attorney or
7 legal service provider; or

8 “(iv) by the individual.

9 “(b) GEOGRAPHIC PLACEMENT.—

10 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—The Direc-
11 tor shall establish within the Bureau of Prisons an
12 office that determines the placement of prisoners.

13 “(2) PLACEMENT OF PRISONERS.—In deter-
14 mining the placement of a prisoner, the office estab-
15 lished under paragraph (1) shall—

16 “(A) if the prisoner has children, place the
17 prisoner as close to the children as possible;

18 “(B) in deciding whether to assign a
19 transgender or intersex prisoner to a facility for
20 male or female prisoners, and in making other
21 housing and programming assignments, con-
22 sider on a case-by-case basis whether a place-
23 ment would ensure the prisoner’s health and
24 safety, including serious consideration of the
25 prisoner’s own views with respect to their safe-

1 ty, and whether the placement would present
2 management or security problems; and

3 “(C) consider any other factor that the of-
4 fice determines to be appropriate.

5 “(c) PROHIBITION ON PLACEMENT OF PREGNANT
6 PRISONERS OR PRISONERS IN POST-PARTUM RECOVERY
7 IN SEGREGATED HOUSING UNITS.—

8 “(1) PLACEMENT IN SEGREGATED HOUSING
9 UNITS.—A covered institution may not place a pris-
10 oner who is pregnant or in post-partum recovery in
11 a segregated housing unit unless the prisoner pre-
12 sents an immediate risk of harm to the prisoner or
13 others.

14 “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—Any placement of a pris-
15 oner described in subparagraph (A) in a segregated
16 housing unit shall be limited and temporary.

17 “(d) PARENTING CLASSES.—The Director shall pro-
18 vide parenting classes to each prisoner who is a primary
19 caretaker parent.

20 “(e) TRAUMA SCREENING.—The Director shall pro-
21 vide training to each correctional officer and each em-
22 ployee of the Bureau of Prisons who regularly interacts
23 with prisoners, including each instructor and health care
24 professional, to enable those correctional officers and em-
25 ployees to—

1 “(1) identify a prisoner who has a mental or
2 physical health need relating to trauma the prisoner
3 has experienced; and

4 “(2) refer a prisoner described in paragraph (1)
5 to the proper healthcare professional for treatment.

6 “(f) INMATE HEALTH.—

7 “(1) HEALTH CARE ACCESS.—The Director
8 shall ensure that all prisoners receive adequate
9 health care.

10 “(2) HYGIENIC PRODUCTS.—The Director shall
11 make essential hygienic products, including sham-
12 poo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and any other hygien-
13 ic product that the Director determines appropriate,
14 available without charge to prisoners.

15 “(3) GYNECOLOGIST ACCESS.—The Director
16 shall ensure that all prisoners have access to a gyne-
17 cologist as appropriate.

18 “(g) USE OF SEX-APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONAL OF-
19 FICERS.—

20 “(1) REGULATIONS.—The Director shall make
21 rules under which—

22 “(A) a correctional officer may not conduct
23 a strip search of a prisoner of the opposite sex
24 unless—

1 “(i) the prisoner presents a risk of
2 immediate harm to the prisoner or others,
3 and no other correctional officer of the
4 same sex as the prisoner, or medical staff
5 is available to assist; or

6 “(ii) the prisoner has previously re-
7 quested that an officer of a different sex
8 conduct searches;

9 “(B) a correctional officer may not enter a
10 restroom reserved for prisoners of the opposite
11 sex unless—

12 “(i) a prisoner in the restroom pre-
13 sents a risk of immediate harm to them-
14 selves or others; or

15 “(ii) there is a medical emergency in
16 the restroom and no other correctional offi-
17 cer of the appropriate sex is available to
18 assist;

19 “(C) a transgender prisoner’s sex is deter-
20 mined according to the sex with which they
21 identify; and

22 “(D) a correctional officer may not search
23 or physically examine a prisoner for the sole
24 purpose of determining the prisoner’s genital
25 status or sex.

1 “(2) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in
2 paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect the re-
3 quirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act
4 of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 15601 et seq.).”.

5 (c) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section
6 3621(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(7) ELIGIBILITY OF PRIMARY CARETAKER
9 PARENTS AND PREGNANT WOMEN.—The Director of
10 the Bureau of Prisons may not prohibit an eligible
11 prisoner who is a primary caretaker parent (as de-
12 fined in section 4051) or pregnant from partici-
13 pating in a program of residential substance abuse
14 treatment provided under paragraph (1) on the basis
15 of a failure by the eligible prisoner, before being
16 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons,
17 to disclose to any official of the Bureau of Prisons
18 that the prisoner had a substance abuse problem on
19 or before the date on which the eligible prisoner was
20 committed to the custody of the Bureau of Pris-
21 ons.”.

22 (d) IMPLEMENTATION DATE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of

1 the Bureau of Prisons shall implement this section
2 and the amendments made by this section.

3 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the
5 Bureau of Prisons shall submit to the Committee on
6 the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on
7 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a re-
8 port on the implementation of this section and the
9 amendments made by this section.

10 (e) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
11 The table of sections for chapter 303 of title 18, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

“4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals.”.

14 **SEC. 1102. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WOMEN.**

15 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
16 “Stop Infant Mortality And Recidivism Reduction Act” or
17 the “SIMARRA Act”.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 270 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this section, the Director of
20 the Federal Bureau of Prisons (in this section referred
21 to as the “Director”) shall establish a pilot program (in
22 this section referred to as the “Program”) in accordance
23 with this section to permit women incarcerated in Federal
24 prisons and the children born to such women during incar-

1 ceration to reside together while the inmate serves a term
2 of imprisonment in a separate housing wing of the prison.

3 (c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are
4 to—

5 (1) prevent infant mortality among infants born
6 to incarcerated mothers and greatly reduce the trauma
7 and stress experienced by the unborn fetuses of
8 pregnant inmates;

9 (2) reduce the recidivism rates of federally in-
10 carcerated women and mothers, and enhance public
11 safety by improving the effectiveness of the Federal
12 prison system for women as a population with special
13 needs;

14 (3) establish female offender risk and needs as-
15 sessment as the cornerstones of a more effective and
16 efficient Federal prison system;

17 (4) implement a validated post-sentencing risk
18 and needs assessment system that relies on dynamic
19 risk factors to provide Federal prison officials with
20 a roadmap to address the pre- and post-natal needs
21 of Federal pregnant offenders, manage limited re-
22 sources, and enhance public safety;

23 (5) perform regular outcome evaluations of the
24 effectiveness of programs and interventions for fed-
25 erally incarcerated pregnant women and mothers to

1 assure that such programs and interventions are evi-
2 dence-based and to suggest changes, deletions, and
3 expansions based on the results of such evaluations;
4 and

5 (6) assist the Department of Justice to address
6 the underlying cost structure of the Federal prison
7 system and ensure that the Department can con-
8 tinue to run prison nurseries safely and securely
9 without compromising the scope or quality of the
10 Department's critical health, safety and law enforce-
11 ment missions.

12 (d) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF PRIS-
13 ONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out
15 this section in consultation with—

16 (A) a licensed and board-certified gyne-
17 cologist or obstetrician;

18 (B) the Director of the Administrative Of-
19 fice of the United States Courts;

20 (C) the Director of the Office of Probation
21 and Pretrial Services;

22 (D) the Director of the National Institute
23 of Justice; and

24 (E) the Secretary of Health and Human
25 Services.

1 (2) DUTIES.—The Director shall, in accordance
2 with paragraph (3)—

3 (A) develop an offender risk and needs as-
4 sessment system particular to the health and
5 sensitivities of Federally incarcerated pregnant
6 women and mothers in accordance with this
7 subsection;

8 (B) develop recommendations regarding re-
9 cidivism reduction programs and productive ac-
10 tivities in accordance with subsection (c);

11 (C) conduct ongoing research and data
12 analysis on—

13 (i) the best practices relating to the
14 use of offender risk and needs assessment
15 tools particular to the health and sensitivi-
16 ties of federally incarcerated pregnant
17 women and mothers;

18 (ii) the best available risk and needs
19 assessment tools particular to the health
20 and sensitivities of Federally incarcerated
21 pregnant women and mothers and the level
22 to which they rely on dynamic risk factors
23 that could be addressed and changed over
24 time, and on measures of risk of recidi-

1 vism, individual needs, and responsiveness
2 to recidivism reduction programs;

3 (iii) the most effective and efficient
4 uses of such tools in conjunction with re-
5 cidivism reduction programs, productive
6 activities, incentives, and rewards; and

7 (iv) which recidivism reduction pro-
8 grams are the most effective—

9 (I) for Federally incarcerated
10 pregnant women and mothers classi-
11 fied at different recidivism risk levels;
12 and

13 (II) for addressing the specific
14 needs of Federally incarcerated preg-
15 nant women and mothers;

16 (D) on a biennial basis, review the system
17 developed under subparagraph (A) and the rec-
18 ommendations developed under subparagraph
19 (B), using the research conducted under sub-
20 paragraph (C), to determine whether any revi-
21 sions or updates should be made, and if so,
22 make such revisions or updates;

23 (E) hold periodic meetings with the indi-
24 viduals listed in paragraph (1) at intervals to be
25 determined by the Director; and

1 (F) report to Congress in accordance with
2 subsection (i).

3 (3) METHODS.—In carrying out the duties
4 under paragraph (2), the Director shall—

5 (A) consult relevant stakeholders; and

6 (B) make decisions using data that is
7 based on the best available statistical and em-
8 pirical evidence.

9 (e) ELIGIBILITY.—An inmate may apply to partici-
10 pate in the Program if the inmate—

11 (1) is pregnant at the beginning of or during
12 the term of imprisonment; and

13 (2) is in the custody or control of the Federal
14 Bureau of Prisons.

15 (f) PROGRAM TERMS.—

16 (1) TERM OF PARTICIPATION.—To correspond
17 with the purposes and goals of the Program to pro-
18 mote bonding during the critical stages of child de-
19 velopment, an eligible inmate selected for the Pro-
20 gram may participate in the Program, subject to
21 subsection (g), until the earliest of—

22 (A) the date that the inmate's term of im-
23 prisonment terminates;

24 (B) the date the infant fails to meet any
25 medical criteria established by the Director or

1 the Director's designee along with a collective
2 determination of the persons listed in sub-
3 section (d)(1); or

4 (C) 30 months.

5 (2) INMATE REQUIREMENTS.—For the duration
6 of an inmate's participation in the Program, the in-
7 mate shall agree to—

8 (A) take substantive steps towards acting
9 in the role of a parent or guardian to any child
10 of that inmate;

11 (B) participate in any educational or coun-
12 seling opportunities established by the Director,
13 including topics such as child development, par-
14 enting skills, domestic violence, vocational train-
15 ing, or substance abuse, as appropriate;

16 (C) abide by any court decision regarding
17 the legal or physical custody of the child;

18 (D) transfer to the Federal Bureau of
19 Prisons any child support payments for the in-
20 fant of the participating inmate from any per-
21 son or governmental entity; and

22 (E) specify a person who has agreed to
23 take at least temporary custody of the child if
24 the inmate's participation in the Program ter-
25 minates before the inmate's release.

1 (g) CONTINUITY OF CARE.—The Director shall take
2 appropriate actions to prevent detachment or disruption
3 of either an inmate’s or infant’s health and bonding-based
4 well-being due to termination of the Program.

5 (h) REPORTING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
7 after the date of the enactment of this section and
8 once each year thereafter for 5 years, the Director
9 shall submit a report to the Congress with regards
10 to progress in implementing the Program.

11 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 6 months
12 after the termination of the Program, the Director
13 shall issue a final report to the Congress that con-
14 tains a detailed statement of the Director’s findings
15 and conclusions, including recommendations for leg-
16 islation, administrative actions, and regulations the
17 Director considers appropriate.

18 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
19 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
20 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

1 **TITLE XII—LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2 **TOOLS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC**
3 **SAFETY**

4 **SEC. 1201. NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-**
5 **CIES OF PROHIBITED PURCHASE OR AT-**
6 **TEMPTED PURCHASE OF A FIREARM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the NICS Improvement
8 Amendments Act of 2007 (18 U.S.C. 922 note) is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 108. NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-**
11 **CIES OF PROHIBITED PURCHASE OF A FIRE-**
12 **ARM.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a background
14 check conducted by the National Instant Criminal Back-
15 ground Check System pursuant to the request of a li-
16 censed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer
17 of firearms (as such terms are defined in section 921 of
18 title 18, United States Code), which background check de-
19 termines 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 title 18, United States Code, and such determination
22 is made after 3 business days have elapsed since the li-
23 censee contacted the System and a firearm has been trans-
24 ferred to that person, the System shall notify the law en-
25 forcement agencies described in subsection (b).

1 “(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DESCRIBED.—
2 The law enforcement agencies described in this subsection
3 are the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction
4 over the location from which the licensee contacted the
5 system and the law enforcement agencies that have juris-
6 diction over the location of the residence of the person for
7 which the background check was conducted, as follows:

8 “(1) The field office of the Federal Bureau of
9 Investigation.

10 “(2) The local law enforcement agency.

11 “(3) The State law enforcement agency.

12 “(4) The Tribal law enforcement agency.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (18
15 10 U.S.C. 922 note) is amended by inserting after the
16 item relating to section 107 the following:

 “Sec. 108. Notification to law enforcement agencies of prohibited purchase of
 a firearm.”.

17 **SEC. 1202. REPORTING OF BACKGROUND CHECK DENIALS**
18 **TO STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL AUTHORI-**
19 **TIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
21 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 925A
22 the following:

1 **“§ 925B. Reporting of background check denials to**
2 **State, local, and tribal authorities**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the national instant criminal
4 background check system established under section 103
5 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (18 U.S.C.
6 922 note) provides a notice pursuant to section 922(t) of
7 this title that the receipt of a firearm by a person would
8 violate subsection (g)(8), (g)(9), or (g)(10) of section 922
9 of this title or State law, the Attorney General shall, in
10 accordance with subsection (b) of this section—

11 “(1) report to the law enforcement authorities
12 of the State where the person sought to acquire the
13 firearm and, if different, the law enforcement au-
14 thorities of the State of residence of the person—

15 “(A) that the notice was provided;

16 “(B) of the specific provision of law that
17 would have been violated;

18 “(C) of the date and time the notice was
19 provided;

20 “(D) of the location where the firearm was
21 sought to be acquired; and

22 “(E) of the identity of the person; and

23 “(2) report the incident to local or tribal law
24 enforcement authorities and, where practicable,
25 State, tribal, or local prosecutors, in the jurisdiction

1 where the firearm was sought and in the jurisdiction
2 where the person resides.

3 “(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORT.—A report is
4 made in accordance with this subsection if the report is
5 made within 24 hours after the provision of the notice de-
6 scribed in subsection (a), except that the making of the
7 report may be delayed for so long as is necessary to avoid
8 compromising an ongoing investigation.

9 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
10 section (a) shall be construed to require a report with re-
11 spect to a person to be made to the same State authorities
12 that originally issued the notice with respect to the per-
13 son.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
16 relating to section 925A the following:

“925B. Reporting of background check denials to State, local, and tribal au-
thorities.”.

17 **SEC. 1203. SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS AND**
18 **CROSS-DEPUTIZED ATTORNEYS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
20 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
21 by inserting after section 925B the following:

1 **“§ 925C. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-**
2 **deputized attorneys**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to improve the enforce-
4 ment of paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) of section 922(g),
5 the Attorney General may—

6 “(1) appoint, in accordance with section 543 of
7 title 28, qualified State, tribal, territorial and local
8 prosecutors and qualified attorneys working for the
9 United States government to serve as special assist-
10 ant United States attorneys for the purpose of pros-
11 ecuting violations of such paragraphs;

12 “(2) deputize State, tribal, territorial and local
13 law enforcement officers for the purpose of enhanc-
14 ing the capacity of the agents of the Bureau of Alco-
15 hol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in respond-
16 ing to and investigating violations of such para-
17 graphs; and

18 “(3) establish, in order to receive and expedite
19 requests for assistance from State, tribal, territorial
20 and local law enforcement agencies responding to in-
21 timate partner violence cases where such agencies
22 have probable cause to believe that the offenders
23 may be in violation of such paragraphs, points of
24 contact within—

1 “(A) each Field Division of the Bureau of
2 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;
3 and

4 “(B) each District Office of the United
5 States Attorneys.

6 “(b) IMPROVE INTIMATE PARTNER AND PUBLIC
7 SAFETY.—The Attorney General shall—

8 “(1) identify no less than 75 jurisdictions
9 among States, territories and tribes where there are
10 high rates of firearms violence and threats of fire-
11 arms violence against intimate partners and other
12 persons protected under paragraphs (8), (9), and
13 (10) of section 922(g) and where local authorities
14 lack the resources to address such violence; and

15 “(2) make such appointments as described in
16 subsection (a) in jurisdictions where enhanced en-
17 forcement of such paragraphs is necessary to reduce
18 firearms homicide and injury rates.

19 “(c) QUALIFIED DEFINED.—For purposes of this
20 section, the term ‘qualified’ means, with respect to an at-
21 torney, that the attorney is a licensed attorney in good
22 standing with any relevant licensing authority.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
25 relating to section 925B the following:

“925C. Special assistant U.S. attorneys and cross-deputized attorneys.”.

1 **TITLE XIII—CLOSING THE LAW**
2 **ENFORCEMENT CONSENT**
3 **LOOPHOLE**

4 **SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Closing the Law En-
6 forcement Consent Loophole Act of 2019”.

7 **SEC. 1302. PROHIBITION ON ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTS**
8 **WHILE ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2243 of title 18, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in the section heading, by adding at the end
12 the following: “**or by any person acting**
13 **under color of law**”;

14 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
15 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(c) OF AN INDIVIDUAL BY ANY PERSON ACTING
19 UNDER COLOR OF LAW.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, acting under
21 color of law, knowingly engages in a sexual act with
22 an individual, including an individual who is under
23 arrest, in detention, or otherwise in the actual cus-
24 tody of any Federal law enforcement officer, shall be

1 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15
2 years, or both.

3 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
4 ‘sexual act’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
5 tion 2246.”; and

6 (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(3) In a prosecution under subsection (c), it is not
9 a defense that the other individual consented to the sexual
10 act.”.

11 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 2246 of title 18, United
12 States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
14 end;

15 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
16 the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(7) the term ‘Federal law enforcement officer’
20 has the meaning given the term in section 115.”.

21 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 for chapter 109A of title 18, United States Code, is
23 amended by amending the item related to section 2243
24 to read as follows:

 “2243. Sexual abuse of a minor or ward or by any person acting under color
 of law.”.

1 **SEC. 1303. INCENTIVES FOR STATES.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Attorney
3 General is authorized to make grants to States that have
4 in effect a law that—

5 (1) makes it a criminal offense for any person
6 acting under color of law of the State to engage in
7 a sexual act with an individual, including an indi-
8 vidual who is under arrest, in detention, or otherwise
9 in the actual custody of any law enforcement officer;
10 and

11 (2) prohibits a person charged with an offense
12 described in paragraph (1) from asserting the con-
13 sent of the other individual as a defense.

14 (b) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—A State that re-
15 ceives a grant under this section shall submit to the Attor-
16 ney General, on an annual basis, information on—

17 (1) the number of reports made to law enforce-
18 ment agencies in that State regarding persons en-
19 gaging in a sexual act while acting under color of
20 law during the previous year; and

21 (2) the disposition of each case in which sexual
22 misconduct by a person acting under color of law
23 was reported during the previous year.

24 (c) **APPLICATION.**—A State seeking a grant under
25 this section shall submit an application to the Attorney
26 General at such time, in such manner, and containing

1 such information as the Attorney General may reasonably
2 require, including information about the law described in
3 subsection (a).

4 (d) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a
5 State under this section shall be in an amount that is not
6 greater than 10 percent of the average of the total amount
7 of funding of the 3 most recent awards that the State re-
8 ceived under the following grant programs:

9 (1) Part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
10 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10441
11 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the “STOP Vio-
12 lence Against Women Formula Grant Program”).

13 (2) Section 41601 of the Violence Against
14 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12511) (commonly
15 referred to as the “Sexual Assault Services Pro-
16 gram”).

17 (e) GRANT TERM.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
19 provide an increase in the amount provided to a
20 State under the grant programs described in sub-
21 section (d) for a 2-year period.

22 (2) RENEWAL.—A State that receives a grant
23 under this section may submit an application for a
24 renewal of such grant at such time, in such manner,

1 and containing such information as the Attorney
2 General may reasonably require.

3 (3) LIMIT.—A State may not receive a grant
4 under this section for more than 4 years.

5 (f) USES OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant
6 under this section shall use—

7 (1) 25 percent of such funds for any of the per-
8 missible uses of funds under the grant program de-
9 scribed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d); and

10 (2) 75 percent of such funds for any of the per-
11 missible uses of funds under the grant program de-
12 scribed in paragraph (2) of subsection (d).

13 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter
15 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

16 (h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
17 term “State” means each of the several States and the
18 District of Columbia, Indian Tribes, and the Common-
19 wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Vir-
20 gin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

21 **SEC. 1304. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

22 (a) REPORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not later
23 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and
24 each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit
25 to Congress a report containing—

1 (1) the information required to be reported to
2 the Attorney General under section 3(b); and

3 (2) information on—

4 (A) the number of reports made, during
5 the previous year, to Federal law enforcement
6 agencies regarding persons engaging in a sexual
7 act while acting under color of law; and

8 (B) the disposition of each case in which
9 sexual misconduct by a person acting under
10 color of law was reported.

11 (b) REPORT BY GAO.—Not later than 1 year after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, and each year there-
13 after, the Comptroller General of the United States shall
14 submit to Congress a report on any violations of section
15 2243(c) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by
16 section 2, committed during the 1-year period covered by
17 the report.

18 **SEC. 1305. DEFINITION.**

19 In this title, the term “sexual act” has the meaning
20 given the term in section 2246 of title 18, United States
21 Code.

1 **TITLE XIV—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **SEC. 1401. NATIONAL STALKER AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

3 **REDUCTION.**

4 Section 40603 of the Violent Crime Control and Law
5 Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12402) is amended
6 by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2020
7 through 2024”.

8 **SEC. 1402. FEDERAL VICTIM ASSISTANTS REAUTHORIZA-**
9 **TION.**

10 Section 40114 of the Violence Against Women Act
11 of 1994 (Public Law 103–322) is amended to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 **“SEC. 40114. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL VICTIM’S**
14 **COUNSELORS.**

15 “There are authorized to be appropriated for the
16 United States Attorneys for the purpose of appointing vic-
17 tim/witness counselors for the prosecution of sex crimes
18 and domestic violence crimes where applicable (such as the
19 District of Columbia), \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2020 through 2024.”.

1 **SEC. 1403. CHILD ABUSE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JUDI-**
2 **CIAL PERSONNEL AND PRACTITIONERS RE-**
3 **AUTHORIZATION.**

4 Section 224(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34
5 U.S.C. 20334(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through
6 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

7 **SEC. 1404. SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT.**

8 Section 40152(e) of the Violent Crime Control and
9 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12311(c)) is
10 amended by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting
11 “2020 through 2024”.

12 **SEC. 1405. COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PRO-**
13 **GRAM.**

14 Section 219(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34
15 U.S.C. 20324(a)) is amended by striking “2014 through
16 2018” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

17 **SEC. 1406. RAPE KIT BACKLOG.**

18 Section 2(j) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimini-
19 nation Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) is amended by
20 striking “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020
21 through 2024”.

22 **SEC. 1407. SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM PROGRAM**
23 **GRANTS.**

24 Section 304(d) of the DNA Sexual Assault Justice
25 Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723(d)) is amended by striking

1 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through
2 2024”.

