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H. R. 2455

To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to provide for grants in support of training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse among primary and secondary school students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2023

Ms. WILD (for herself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jenna Quinn Law”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS FIELD INITI-**
2 **ATED GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a) of the Child Abuse
4 Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(8) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS FIELD-
7 INITIATED GRANTS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
9 award grants under this subsection to entities,
10 for periods of up to 5 years, in support of field-
11 initiated innovation projects that advance, es-
12 tablish, or implement comprehensive, innova-
13 tive, evidence-based or evidence-informed child
14 sexual abuse awareness and prevention pro-
15 grams by—

16 “(i) improving student awareness of
17 child sexual abuse in an age-appropriate
18 manner, including how to recognize, pre-
19 vent, and safely report child sexual abuse;

20 “(ii) training teachers, school employ-
21 ees, and other mandatory reporters and
22 adults who work with children in a profes-
23 sional or volunteer capacity, including with
24 respect to recognizing child sexual abuse
25 and safely reporting child sexual abuse; or

1 “(iii) providing information to parents
2 and guardians of students about child sex-
3 ual abuse awareness and prevention, in-
4 cluding how to prevent, recognize, respond
5 to, and report child sexual abuse and how
6 to discuss child sexual abuse with a child.

7 “(B) REPORTING.—Each entity receiving a
8 grant under subparagraph (A) shall submit an
9 annual report to the Secretary, for the duration
10 of the grant period, on the projects carried out
11 using such grant, including the number of par-
12 ticipants, the services provided, and the out-
13 comes of the projects, including participant
14 evaluations.”.

15 (b) REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF EXPENDI-
16 TURES.—Not later than 5 years after the date on which
17 the first grant is awarded under paragraph (8) of section
18 105(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)), as added by subsection (a), the
20 Comptroller General of the United States shall—

21 (1) prepare a report that describes the projects
22 for which funds are expended under paragraph (8)
23 of such section 105(a)(8) and evaluates the effective-
24 ness of those projects; and

1 (2) submit the report to the Committee on
2 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
3 ate and the Committee on Education and the Work-
4 force of the House of Representatives.

5 (c) REPORT ON DUPLICATIVE NATURE OF EXPENDI-
6 TURES.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
8 States shall—

9 (1) prepare a report that examines whether the
10 projects described in subsection (b) are duplicative
11 of other activities supported by Federal funds; and

12 (2) submit the report to the Committee on
13 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
14 ate and the Committee on Education and the Work-
15 force of the House of Representatives.

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