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To authorize grants for emotional support services for incarcerated victims of sexual abuse, and for other purposes.

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Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. TRONE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CROCKETT, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. CLEAVER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Sexual Abuse Services
5 in Detention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE.—The term
2 “emotional support service”—

3 (A) means emotional support services or
4 counseling for individuals who have experienced
5 sexual abuse at any time in their life; and

6 (B) includes—

7 (i) crisis intervention services;

8 (ii) education about dynamics of sex-
9 ual abuse and sexual harassment;

10 (iii) sharing resources;

11 (iv) safety planning and discussion of
12 reporting options;

13 (v) telephone hotline services; and

14 (vi) assistance processing trauma re-
15 actions and building coping skills.

16 (2) EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE PRO-
17 VIDER.—The term “emotional support service pro-
18 vider” means a nonprofit, nongovernmental organi-
19 zation that has—

20 (A) special expertise and broad experience
21 in providing sexual abuse and rape crisis coun-
22 seling services for survivors, including victims of
23 sexual abuse in correctional settings; and

24 (B) experience with correctional services,
25 such as—

1 (i) understanding the unique dynam-
2 ics of custodial sexual abuse;

3 (ii) understanding correctional prac-
4 tices and correctional security concerns; or

5 (iii) providing technical assistance and
6 training to correctional officers and admin-
7 istrators.

8 (3) **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.**—The term
9 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
10 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
11 enue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation
12 under section 501(a) of such Code.

13 (4) **TRAINING SERVICES.**—The term “training
14 services” means providing education, training, and
15 technical assistance on providing emotional support
16 services in corrections settings for incarcerated sur-
17 vivors and victims of sexual abuse.

18 **SEC. 3. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SEXUAL**
19 **ABUSE VICTIMS IN DETENTION FACILITIES.**

20 (a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Attorney General,
21 acting through the Director of the Office for Victims of
22 Crime, may award grants to emotional support service
23 providers for the purpose of collaborating with Federal,
24 State, local, or Tribal authorities to provide emotional sup-

1 port services in corrections settings for incarcerated sur-
2 vivors and victims of sexual abuse.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each
5 of fiscal years 2024 through 2029 to carry out this sec-
6 tion.

7 (c) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made
8 available under this section shall supplement and not sup-
9 plant any other authorization, appropriation, or grant.

10 **SEC. 4. TRAINING GRANTS.**

11 (a) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term “el-
12 igible entity” means an entity that has experience pro-
13 viding training services in the manner described in sub-
14 section (c).

15 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General may award
16 grants to eligible entities to carry out the activities de-
17 scribed in subsection (c).

18 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
19 a grant under subsection (b) shall use amounts received
20 under the grant to—

21 (1) provide training services to a corrections
22 agency or facility seeking to offer emotional support
23 services at the institution;

24 (2) provide training services to correctional offi-
25 cers and administrators; and

1 (3) collect and maintain data on a biannual
2 basis on the usage volume for training services de-
3 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2).

4 (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out
6 this section for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.

7 **SEC. 5. SEXUAL ABUSE SERVICES IN DETENTION RE-**
8 **SOURCE CENTER.**

9 (a) **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION.**—In this section, the
10 term “eligible organization” means a nonprofit organiza-
11 tion that has special expertise and broad experience in pro-
12 viding the information, guidance, and technical assistance
13 described in subsection (b).

14 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Attorney General shall
15 establish a national resource center that shall—

16 (1) provide guidance and training series to cor-
17 rections agencies, prisons, jails, and other detention
18 facilities on establishing, administering, operating,
19 and supporting emotional support services for sexual
20 abuse victims in correctional or detention facilities;

21 (2) provide guidance and training services to
22 emotional support service providers on establishing,
23 administering, operating, and supporting emotional
24 support services for sexual abuse victims in correc-
25 tional or detention facilities; and

1 (3) collect, compile, and disseminate resources
2 on the delivery of emotional support services in cor-
3 rectional or detention settings, including—

4 (A) training services;

5 (B) research; and

6 (C) best practices.

7 (c) GRANT.—The Attorney General may make a
8 grant to an eligible organization to provide for the estab-
9 lishment, functioning, or implementation of subsection (b).

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of
12 fiscal years 2024 through 2029 to carry out this section.

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