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S. 2298

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2023

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES RE-**
4 **SPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
6 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101
7 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART PP—ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**
2 **RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM**
3 **“SEC. 3061. GRANTS FOR ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERI-**
4 **ENCES RESPONSE TEAMS.**

5 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made
6 available to carry out this section, the Attorney General,
7 in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services, shall make grants to States, units of local gov-
9 ernment, Indian Tribes, and neighborhood or community-
10 based organizations to address adverse childhood experi-
11 ences associated with exposure to trauma.

12 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received under a
13 grant under this section may be used to establish an ad-
14 verse childhood experiences response team, including by—

15 “(1) establishing protocols to follow when en-
16 counteracting a child or youth exposed to trauma to fa-
17 cilitate access to services;

18 “(2) developing referral partnership agreements
19 with behavioral health providers, substance treat-
20 ment facilities, and recovery services for family
21 members of children exposed to trauma;

22 “(3) integrating law enforcement, mental
23 health, and crisis services to respond to situations
24 where children have been exposed to trauma;

25 “(4) implementing comprehensive programs and
26 practices to support children exposed to trauma;

1 “(5) identifying barriers for children to access
2 trauma-informed care in their communities;

3 “(6) providing training in trauma-informed care
4 to emergency response providers, victim service pro-
5 viders, child protective service professionals, edu-
6 cational institutions, and other community partners;

7 “(7) supporting cross-system planning and col-
8 laboration among officers and employees who work
9 in law enforcement, court systems, child welfare
10 services, correctional reentry programs, emergency
11 medical services, health care services, public health,
12 and substance abuse treatment and recovery sup-
13 port; and

14 “(8) providing technical assistance to commu-
15 nities, organizations, and public agencies on how to
16 prevent and mitigate the impact of exposure to trau-
17 ma and violence.

18 “(c) APPLICATION.—A State, unit of local govern-
19 ment, Indian Tribe, or neighborhood or community-based
20 organization desiring a grant under this section shall sub-
21 mit to the Attorney General an application in such form,
22 and containing such information, as the Attorney General
23 may reasonably require.”.

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
25 1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe

1 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)) is amended by
2 adding at the end the following:

3 “(29) There are authorized to be appropriated to
4 carry out part PP \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2024 through 2027.”.

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