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To improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MAY 4, 2023

Reported by Mr. PETERS, without amendment

A BILL

To improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “IMPACTT Human
3 Trafficking Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATORS MAINTAIN PURPOSEFUL AWARE-**
5 **NESS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING TRAUMA**
6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established, in
8 Homeland Security Investigations of U.S. Immigration
9 and Customs Enforcement, the Investigators Maintain
10 Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma
11 Program (referred to in this Act as the “IMPACTT Pro-
12 gram”).

13 (b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The IMPACTT Program shall—

14 (1) provide outreach and training to Homeland
15 Security Investigations employees who have been ex-
16 posed to various forms of trauma in working with
17 victims of human trafficking, including—

18 (A) self-awareness training for the relevant
19 employees on recognizing the signs of burnout,
20 compassion fatigue, critical incident stress,
21 traumatic stress, posttraumatic stress, sec-
22 ondary traumatic stress, and vicarious trauma;

23 (B) training material that—

24 (i) provides mechanisms for self-care
25 and resilience and notification of resources
26 that are available through U.S. Immigra-

1 tion and Customs Enforcement, such as
2 the Employee Assistance Program, the
3 Peer Support Program, the Chaplain Pro-
4 gram, and other relevant accredited pro-
5 grams that are available; and

6 (ii) provides examples of potential re-
7 sources that are available outside of U.S.
8 Immigration and Customs Enforcement,
9 which may include, faith-based and com-
10 munity-based resources; and

11 (C) provide additional training to first line
12 supervisors of relevant employees on recog-
13 nizing the signs referred to in subparagraph
14 (A) and the appropriate responses to employees
15 exhibiting such signs;

16 (2) include training modules that are carried
17 out by—

18 (A) licensed and accredited clinicians
19 who—

20 (i) have been trained on the exposure
21 of various forms of trauma and other
22 stressors experienced in working with vic-
23 tims; and

24 (ii) may have experience working with
25 faith-based organizations, community-

1 based organizations, counseling programs,
2 or other social service programs; and

3 (B) additional subject matter experts who
4 are available; and

5 (3) be overseen and coordinated by the Depart-
6 ment of Homeland Security Center for Countering
7 Human Trafficking to ensure that—

8 (A) appropriate program materials are dis-
9 tributed;

10 (B) training is offered to all relevant em-
11 ployees; and

12 (C) any needed travel and equipment is
13 provided.

14 **SEC. 3. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS VICTIM AS-**
15 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title IV of the
17 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)
18 is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 **“SEC. 447. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS VICTIM**
20 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

21 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

22 **“(1) FORENSIC INTERVIEW SPECIALIST.—**The
23 term ‘forensic interview specialist’ is an interview
24 professional who has specialized experience and

1 training in conducting trauma-informed forensic
2 interviews with victims of crime.

3 “(2) VICTIM.—The term ‘victim’ has the mean-
4 ing given such term in section 503(e)(2) of the Vic-
5 tims’ Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C.
6 20141(e)(2)).

7 “(3) VICTIM ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST.—The
8 term ‘victim assistance specialist’ is a victim assist-
9 ance professional who—

10 “(A) has experience working with victims
11 of crime in a service capacity;

12 “(B) has been trained on the exposure of
13 various forms of trauma and other stressors ex-
14 perience in working with victims; and

15 “(C) may have experience working with
16 local government and community-based organi-
17 zations, including victim advocacy centers, child
18 advocacy centers, child welfare agencies, faith-
19 based organizations, and other social service
20 programs.

21 “(b) IN GENERAL.—There is established, in Home-
22 land Security Investigations of U.S. Immigration and Cus-
23 toms Enforcement, the Victim Assistance Program.

24 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Victim Assistance Program
25 shall—

1 “(1) provide oversight, guidance, training, trav-
2 el, equipment, and coordination to Homeland Secu-
3 rity Investigations victim assistance personnel
4 throughout the United States;

5 “(2) recruit not fewer than—

6 “(A) 1 forensic interview specialist and 1
7 victim assistance specialist for each Homeland
8 Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge
9 office;

10 “(B) 1 victim assistance specialist for—

11 “(i) every Homeland Security Inves-
12 tigation office participating in a human
13 trafficking task force; and

14 “(ii) every Homeland Security Inves-
15 tigation office participating in a child sex-
16 ual exploitation task force;

17 “(3) support Homeland Security Investigations
18 regional attaché offices, to the extent necessary;

19 “(4) provide training regarding victims’ rights,
20 victim-related policies, roles of forensic interviewers
21 and victim assistance specialists, and an approach
22 that is—

23 “(A) victim-centered;

24 “(B) trauma-informed; and

1 “(C) linguistically appropriate, to the extent feasible; and

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3 “(5) purchase emergency items that are needed
4 to assist identified victims in Homeland Security Investigations criminal investigations, including food,
5 clothing, hygiene products, transportation, and temporary shelter that is not otherwise provided by a
6 nongovernmental organization.”.

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9 (b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—
10 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–
11 296) is amended—

12 (1) in section 1(b) (6 U.S.C. 101 note)—

13 (A) by striking the item relating to section
14 442 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 442. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.”;

15 and

16 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
17 section 446 the following:

“Sec. 447. Homeland Security Investigations Victim Assistance Program.”;

18 (2) in section 442—

19 (A) by amending the section heading to
20 read as follows: “**U.S. IMMIGRATION AND**
21 **CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**”;

22 (B) by striking “bureau” each place such
23 term appears (except in subsection (a)(1)) and
24 inserting “agency”;

1 (C) by striking “the Bureau of Border Se-
2 curity” each place such term appears and in-
3 serting “U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
4 forcement”;

5 (D) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
7 ing “OF BUREAU”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking
9 “affecting the Bureau of” and inserting
10 “affecting U.S.”; and

11 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking “the
12 Bureau.” and inserting “the agency.”; and

13 (E) in subsection (b)(2)—

14 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
15 graph (A), by striking “Bureau of Border
16 Security” and inserting “U.S. Immigration
17 and Customs Enforcement”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
19 “the Bureau of” before “Citizenship and
20 Immigration Services” and inserting
21 “U.S.”; and

22 (3) in section 443(2), by striking “such bu-
23 reau” and inserting “such agency”.

1 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
4 Homeland Security shall submit a report to Congress that
5 identifies, with respect to the reporting period—

6 (1) the number of trainings that were provided
7 through the IMPACTT Program and the number of
8 personnel who received such training; and

9 (2) the number of human trafficking victims
10 who were assisted by the Homeland Security Inves-
11 tigation Victim Assistance Program.

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