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To save money and reduce tragedies through prevention grants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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grants.

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 “Saving Money and Re-
5 ducing Tragedies through Prevention Act of 2011” or the
6 “SMART Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Preven-
7 tion Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. SAVING MONEY AND REDUCING TRAGEDIES**
2 **THROUGH PREVENTION GRANTS.**

3 (a) SMART PREVENTION.—Section 41303 of the Vi-
4 olence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043d-
5 2) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 41303. SAVING MONEY AND REDUCING TRAGEDIES**
7 **THROUGH PREVENTION (SMART PREVEN-**
8 **TION).**

9 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General,
10 in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
11 Services and the Secretary of Education, is authorized to
12 award grants for the purpose of preventing domestic vio-
13 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by tak-
14 ing a comprehensive approach that focuses on youth, chil-
15 dren exposed to violence, and men as leaders and
16 influencers of social norms.

17 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds provided under this
18 section may be used for the following purposes:

19 “(1) TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND
20 PREVENTION.—To develop, maintain, or enhance
21 programs that change attitudes and behaviors
22 around the acceptability of domestic violence, dating
23 violence, sexual assault, and stalking and provide
24 education and skills training to young individuals
25 and individuals who influence young individuals. The
26 prevention program may use evidence-based, evi-

1 dence-informed, or innovative strategies and prac-
2 tices focused on youth. Such a program should in-
3 clude—

4 “(A) age and developmentally-appropriate
5 education on domestic violence, dating violence,
6 sexual assault, stalking, and sexual coercion, as
7 well as healthy relationship skills, in school, in
8 the community, or in health care settings;

9 “(B) community-based collaboration and
10 training for those with influence on youth, such
11 as parents, teachers, coaches, health-care pro-
12 viders, faith-leaders, older teens, and mentors;

13 “(C) education and outreach to change en-
14 vironmental factors contributing to domestic vi-
15 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
16 stalking; and

17 “(D) policy development targeted to pre-
18 vention, including school-based policies and pro-
19 tocols.

20 “(2) CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE AND
21 ABUSE.—To develop, maintain or enhance programs
22 designed to prevent future incidents of domestic vi-
23 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
24 by preventing, reducing and responding to children’s

1 exposure to violence in the home. Such programs
2 may include—

3 “(A) providing services for children ex-
4 posed to domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
5 ual assault or stalking, including direct coun-
6 seling or advocacy, and support for the non-
7 abusing parent; and

8 “(B) training and coordination for edu-
9 cational, after-school, and childcare programs
10 on how to safely and confidentially identify chil-
11 dren and families experiencing domestic vio-
12 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
13 ing and properly refer children exposed and
14 their families to services and violence prevention
15 programs.

16 “(3) ENGAGING MEN AS LEADERS AND ROLE
17 MODELS.—To develop, maintain or enhance pro-
18 grams that work with men to prevent domestic vio-
19 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
20 by helping men to serve as role models and social
21 influencers of other men and youth at the individual,
22 school, community or statewide levels.

23 “(c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
24 a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

1 “(1) a victim service provider, community-based
2 organization, tribe or tribal organization, or other
3 non-profit, nongovernmental organization that has a
4 history of effective work preventing domestic vio-
5 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and
6 expertise in the specific area for which they are ap-
7 plying for funds; or

8 “(2) a partnership between a victim service pro-
9 vider, community-based organization, tribe or tribal
10 organization, or other non-profit, nongovernmental
11 organization that has a history of effective work pre-
12 venting domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
13 sault, or stalking and at least one of the following
14 that has expertise in serving children exposed to do-
15 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
16 stalking, youth domestic violence, dating violence,
17 sexual assault, or stalking prevention, or engaging
18 men to prevent domestic violence, dating violence,
19 sexual assault, or stalking:

20 “(A) A public, charter, tribal, or nationally
21 accredited private middle or high school, a
22 school administered by the Department of De-
23 fense under section 2164 of title 10, United
24 States Code or section 1402 of the Defense De-

1 dependents' Education Act of 1978, a group of
2 schools, or a school district.

3 “(B) A local community-based organiza-
4 tion, population-specific organization, or faith-
5 based organization that has established exper-
6 tise in providing services to youth.

7 “(C) A community-based organization,
8 population-specific organization, university or
9 health care clinic, faith-based organization, or
10 other non-profit, nongovernmental organization
11 with a demonstrated history of effective work
12 addressing the needs of children exposed to do-
13 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
14 or stalking.

15 “(D) A nonprofit, nongovernmental entity
16 providing services for runaway or homeless
17 youth affected by domestic violence, dating vio-
18 lence, sexual assault, or stalking.

19 “(E) Healthcare entities eligible for reim-
20 bursement under title XVIII of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act, including providers that target the
22 special needs of children and youth.

23 “(F) Any other State or local government
24 agencies, population-specific organizations, or
25 nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations with

1 the capacity to provide necessary expertise to
2 meet the goals of the program.

3 “(d) GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Applicants for grants
5 under this section shall prepare and submit to the
6 Director an application at such time, in such man-
7 ner, and containing such information as the Director
8 may require that demonstrates the capacity of the
9 applicant and partnering organizations to undertake
10 the project.

11 “(2) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—Applicants
12 under this section shall establish and implement
13 policies, practices, and procedures that—

14 “(A) include appropriate referral systems
15 to direct any victim identified during program
16 activities to highly-qualified follow-up care;

17 “(B) protect the confidentiality and pri-
18 vacy of adult and youth victim information,
19 particularly in the context of parental or third
20 party involvement and consent, mandatory re-
21 porting duties, and working with other service
22 providers;

23 “(C) ensure that all individuals providing
24 prevention programming through a program
25 funded under this section have completed or

1 will complete sufficient training in connection
2 with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
3 assault or stalking; and

4 “(D) document how prevention programs
5 are coordinated with service programs in the
6 community.

7 “(3) PREFERENCE.—In selecting grant recipi-
8 ents under this section, the Attorney General shall
9 give preference to applicants that—

10 “(A) include outcome-based evaluation;
11 and

12 “(B) identify any other community, school,
13 or State-based efforts that are working on do-
14 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
15 or stalking prevention and explain how the
16 grantee or partnership will add value, coordi-
17 nate with other programs, and not duplicate ex-
18 isting efforts.

19 “(e) DEFINITIONS AND GRANT CONDITIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section and except
21 as provided in paragraph (2), the definitions and
22 grant conditions provided for in section 40002 shall
23 apply.

24 “(2) YOUTH.—In this section, the term ‘youth’
25 shall include individuals 11 years of age.

1 “(3) DATING VIOLENCE.—In this section, the
2 term ‘dating violence’ means an act or pattern of
3 acts involving the use or attempted use of physical,
4 sexual, verbal, emotional, economic, technological, or
5 other forms of abusive behavior by one person to
6 harm, threaten, intimidate, harass, coerce, control,
7 isolate, restrain or monitor another person with
8 whom he or she has or had a physically, sexually, or
9 emotionally intimate relationship, regardless of the
10 length of the relationship, or the number of inter-
11 actions between the individuals involved.

12 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
14 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016.
15 Amounts appropriated under this section may only be used
16 for programs and activities described under this section.

17 “(g) ALLOTMENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 25 percent of
19 the total amounts appropriated under this section in
20 each fiscal year shall be used for each set of pur-
21 poses described in paragraph (1), (2), and (3) of
22 subsection (a).

23 “(2) INDIAN TRIBES.—Not less than 10 percent
24 of the total amounts appropriated under this section
25 in each fiscal year shall be made available for grants

1 to Indian tribes or tribal organizations. If an insuffi-
2 cient number of applications are received from In-
3 dian tribes or tribal organizations, such funds shall
4 be allotted to other population-specific programs.”.

5 (b) REPEALS.—The following provisions are repealed:

6 (1) Sections 41304 and 41305 of the Violence
7 Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043d–3
8 and 14043d–4).

9 (2) Section 403 of the Violence Against Women
10 and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of
11 2005 (42 U.S.C. 14045c).

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