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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish an interagency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make recommendations on the harmonization of such efforts, and for other purposes.

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 “Improve Data on Sexual
3 Violence Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP TO STUDY FEDERAL EFFORTS TO COLLECT DATA ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
9 Office of Management and Budget shall establish an inter-
10 agency working group (in this section referred to as the
11 “Working Group”) to study Federal efforts to collect data
12 on sexual violence and to make recommendations on the
13 harmonization of such efforts.

14 (b) **COMPOSITION.**—The Working Group shall be
15 comprised of at least one representative from the following
16 agencies, who shall be selected by the head of that agency:

17 (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
18 vention.

19 (2) The Department of Defense.

20 (3) The Department of Education.

21 (4) The Department of Health and Human
22 Services.

23 (5) The Department of Justice.

24 (c) **DUTIES.**—The Working Group shall consider the
25 following:

1 (1) What activity constitutes different acts of
2 sexual violence.

3 (2) Whether reports that use the same terms
4 for acts of sexual violence are collecting the same
5 data on these acts.

6 (3) Whether the context which lead to an act of
7 sexual violence should impact how that act is ac-
8 counted for in reports.

9 (4) Whether the data collected is presented in
10 a way that allows the general public to understand
11 what acts of sexual violence are included in each
12 measurement.

13 (5) Steps that agencies that compile reports re-
14 lating to sexual violence can take to avoid double
15 counting incidents of sexual violence.

16 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Working
18 Group shall publish and submit to Congress a report on
19 the following:

20 (1) The activities of the Working Group.

21 (2) Recommendations to harmonize Federal ef-
22 forts to collect data on sexual violence.

23 (3) Actions Federal agencies can take to imple-
24 ment the recommendations described in paragraph

25 (2).

1 (4) Recommendations for congressional action
2 to implement the recommendations described in
3 paragraph (2).

4 (e) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall termi-
5 nate 30 days after the date on which the report is sub-
6 mitted pursuant to subsection (d).

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) HARMONIZE.—The term “harmonize” in-
9 cludes efforts to coordinate sexual violence data col-
10 lection to produce complementary information, as
11 appropriate, without compromising programmatic
12 needs.

13 (2) SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—The term “sexual vio-
14 lence” includes an unwanted sexual act (including
15 both contact and non-contact) about which the Fed-
16 eral Government collects information.

Passed the Senate May 16, 2018.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,

Secretary.