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# H. R. 960

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. RYAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Empower our Girls  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VAWA GRANT PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA  
3 GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 2001(b) of the Omnibus  
4 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
5 10441(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “female gen-  
7 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

8 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “female gen-  
9 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

10 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting “female gen-  
11 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

12 (4) in paragraph (4), by inserting “female gen-  
13 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

14 (5) in paragraph (5), by inserting “female gen-  
15 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,” each  
16 place it appears;

17 (6) in paragraph (7), by inserting “female gen-  
18 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

19 (7) in paragraph (10), by striking “domestic vi-  
20 olence” and inserting “domestic violence, female  
21 genital mutilation,”;

22 (8) in paragraph (12), by inserting “female  
23 genital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,” each  
24 place it appears;

25 (9) in paragraph (14), by inserting “female  
26 genital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”; and

1           (10) in paragraph (20), by inserting “female  
2 genital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”.

3 (b) CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM.—

4           (1) CHOOSE CHILDREN AND YOUTH.—Section  
5 41201 of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-  
6 forcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12451) is amend-  
7 ed by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after  
8 “sexual assault,” each place it appears.

9           (2) SMART PREVENTION.—Section 41303 of the  
10 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of  
11 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12463) is amended—

12           (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “female  
13 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each  
14 place it appears;

15           (B) in subsection (b)—

16           (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “fe-  
17 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
18 sault,” each place it appears; and

19           (ii) in paragraph (3), by inserting “fe-  
20 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
21 sault,”; and

22           (C) in subsection (c)—

23           (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting “fe-  
24 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
25 sault,”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “fe-  
2 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
3 sault,” each place it appears.

4 (c) GRANTS FOR OUTREACH AND SERVICES TO UN-  
5 DERSERVED POPULATIONS.—Section 120 of the Violence  
6 Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthoriza-  
7 tion Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20123) is amended by insert-  
8 ing “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”  
9 each place it appears.

10 (d) IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES.—

11 (1) PURPOSE.—Section 2101(a) of the Omni-  
12 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
13 U.S.C. 10461(a)) is amended by inserting “female  
14 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”.

15 (2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Section 2101(b) of  
16 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
17 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461(b)) is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “female  
19 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each  
20 place it appears;

21 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “female  
22 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

23 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “female  
24 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

1 (D) in paragraph (5), by inserting “female  
2 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

3 (E) in paragraph (6), by inserting “female  
4 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

5 (F) in paragraph (14), by inserting “fe-  
6 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
7 sault,”;

8 (G) in paragraph (15), by inserting “fe-  
9 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
10 sault,”; and

11 (H) in paragraph (16), by inserting “fe-  
12 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-  
13 sault,”.

14 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 2101(c)(1)(D) of the  
15 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
16 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461(c)(1)(D)) is amended—

17 (A) by inserting “female genital mutila-  
18 tion,” after “sexual assault,” the first place it  
19 appears; and

20 (B) by striking “domestic violence, dating  
21 violence, stalking, or sexual assault” and insert-  
22 ing “domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
23 assault, female genital mutilation, or stalking”.

24 (4) APPLICATIONS.—Section 2102(b) of the  
25 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of

1 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10462(b)) is amended by inserting  
2 “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”  
3 each place it appears.

4 (e) LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS.—Section 1201  
5 of the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.  
6 20121) is amended by inserting “female genital mutila-  
7 tion,” after “dating violence,” each place it appears.

8 (f) TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—  
9 Section 40299 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994  
10 (34 U.S.C. 12351) is amended by inserting “female gen-  
11 ital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each place it ap-  
12 pears.

13 (g) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION DEFINED.—Sec-  
14 tion 40002(a) of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-  
15 forcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)) is amended  
16 by adding at the end the following:

17 “(46) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.—The  
18 term ‘female genital mutilation’ means the removal  
19 or infibulation (or both) of the whole or part of the  
20 clitoris, the labia minor, or the labia major.”.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORTING ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.**

22 (a) UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS.—The Director of the  
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation shall, pursuant to section  
24 534 of title 28, United States Code, classify the offense

1 of female genital mutilation as a part II crime in the Uni-  
2 form Crime Reports.

3 (b) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION DEFINED.—In  
4 this section, the term “female genital mutilation” means  
5 the removal or infibulation (or both) of the whole or part  
6 of the clitoris, the labia minora, or labia majora.

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