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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

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. INVESTIGATORS MAINTAIN PURPOSEFUL**
4 **AWARENESS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING**
5 **TRAUMA PROGRAM.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established, in
7 Homeland Security Investigations of U.S. Immigration

1 and Customs Enforcement, the Investigators Maintain
2 Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma
3 Program (referred to in this Act as the “IMPACTT Pro-
4 gram”).

5 (b) FUNCTIONS.—The IMPACTT Program shall—

6 (1) provide outreach and training to Homeland
7 Security Investigations employees and partners who
8 have been exposed to various forms of trauma in
9 working with victims of human trafficking, includ-
10 ing—

11 (A) self-awareness training for the relevant
12 employees on recognizing the signs of burnout,
13 compassion fatigue, critical incident stress,
14 traumatic stress, posttraumatic stress, sec-
15 ondary traumatic stress, and vicarious trauma;

16 (B) training material that provides mecha-
17 nisms for self-care and resilience, and notify of
18 resources available through the U.S. Immigra-
19 tion and Customs Enforcement Employee As-
20 sistance Program and other relevant accredited
21 programs, as available; and

22 (C) provide additional training to first line
23 supervisors of relevant employees on recog-
24 nizing the signs referred to in subparagraph

1 (A) and the appropriate responses to employees
2 exhibiting such signs;

3 (2) include training modules that are carried
4 out by—

5 (A) licensed and accredited clinicians who
6 have been trained on the exposure of various
7 forms of trauma and other stressors experi-
8 enced in working with victims; and

9 (B) additional subject matter experts, as
10 available; and

11 (3) be overseen and coordinated by the Home-
12 land Security Investigations Countering Human
13 Trafficking Center to ensure that—

14 (A) appropriate program materials are dis-
15 tributed;

16 (B) training is offered to all relevant em-
17 ployees; and

18 (C) any needed travel and equipment is
19 provided.

20 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
21 tion to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated,
22 there is authorized to be appropriated \$800,000 for each
23 fiscal year to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry
24 out this subsection.

1 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS VICTIM AS-**
2 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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

6 **“SEC. 447. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS VICTIM**
7 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) FORENSIC INTERVIEW SPECIALIST.—The
10 term ‘forensic interview specialist’ is an interview
11 professional who has specialized experience and
12 training in conducting trauma-informed forensic
13 interviews with victims of crime.

14 “(2) VICTIM ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST.—The
15 term ‘victim assistance specialist’ is a victim assist-
16 ance professional who—

17 “(A) has experience working with victims
18 of crime in a service capacity; and

19 “(B) has been trained on the exposure of
20 various forms of trauma and other stressors ex-
21 perienceed in working with victims.

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

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

1 “(1) provide oversight, guidance, training, travel,
2 el, equipment, and coordination to victim assistance
3 personnel throughout the United States;

4 “(2) recruit not fewer than—

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

9 “(B) 1 victim assistance specialist for—

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

13 “(ii) every Homeland Security Inves-
14 tigations regional attaché office; and

15 “(iii) every Homeland Security Inves-
16 tigations office participating in a child sex-
17 ual exploitation task force;

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

22 “(A) victim-centered;

23 “(B) trauma-informed; and

24 “(C) linguistically appropriate;

1 “(4) provide sufficient funding for emergency
2 expenditures to purchase items needed to assist
3 identified victims, including food, clothing, hygiene
4 products, transportation, and temporary shelter that
5 is not otherwise provided by a nongovernmental or-
6 ganization.

7 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 is authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for each fis-
9 cal year to carry out this section.”.

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

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

14 (A) by striking the item relating to section
15 442 and inserting the following:

 “Sec. 442. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.”; 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) striking “bureau” each place such
23 term appears (except in subsection (a)(1)) and
24 inserting “agency”;

1 (C) striking “the Bureau of Border Secu-
2 rity” each place such term appears and insert-
3 ing “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
4 ment”;

5 (D) in subsection (a) —

6 (i) in the subsection heading, striking
7 “OF BUREAU”;

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

11 (iii) in paragraph (4), 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), striking “Bureau of Border Se-
16 curity” and inserting “U.S. Immigration
17 and Customs Enforcement”; and

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

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

1 **SEC. 3. 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 potential human trafficking
10 victims who were assisted by the Homeland Security
11 Investigations Victim Assistance Program.