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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. INVESTIGATORS MAINTAIN PURPOSEFUL**
2 **AWARENESS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING**
3 **TRAUMA PROGRAM.**

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

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

11 (1) provide outreach and training to Homeland
12 Security Investigations employees and partners who
13 have been exposed to various forms of trauma in
14 working with victims of human trafficking, includ-
15 ing—

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

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

1 (C) provide additional training to first line
2 supervisors of relevant employees on recog-
3 nizing the signs referred to in subparagraph
4 (A) and the appropriate responses to employees
5 exhibiting such signs;

6 (2) include training modules that are carried
7 out by—

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

12 (B) additional subject matter experts, as
13 available; and

14 (3) be overseen and coordinated by the Home-
15 land Security Investigations Countering Human
16 Trafficking Center to ensure that—

17 (A) appropriate program materials are dis-
18 tributed;

19 (B) training is offered to all relevant em-
20 ployees; and

21 (C) any needed travel and equipment is
22 provided.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
24 tion to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated,
25 there is authorized to be appropriated \$800,000 for each

1 fiscal year to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry
2 out this subsection.

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

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

8 **“SEC. 447. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS VICTIM**
9 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

21 “(B) has been trained on the exposure of
22 various forms of trauma and other stressors ex-
23perienced in working with victims.

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

4 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Victim Assistance Program
5 shall—

6 “(1) provide oversight, guidance, training, trav-
7 el, equipment, and coordination to victim assistance
8 personnel throughout the United States;

9 “(2) recruit not fewer than—

10 “(A) 1 forensic interview specialist and 1
11 victim assistance specialist for each Homeland
12 Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge
13 office;

14 “(B) 1 victim assistance specialist for—

15 “(i) every Homeland Security Inves-
16 tigation office participating in a human
17 trafficking task force;

18 “(ii) every Homeland Security Inves-
19 tigation regional attaché office; and

20 “(iii) every Homeland Security Inves-
21 tigation office participating in a child sex-
22 ual exploitation task force;

23 “(3) provide training regarding victims’ rights,
24 victim-related policies, roles of forensic interviewers

1 and victim assistance specialists, and an approach
2 that is—

3 “(A) victim-centered;

4 “(B) trauma-informed; and

5 “(C) linguistically appropriate; and

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

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

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
16 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–
17 296) is amended—

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

19 (A) by striking the item relating to section
20 442 and inserting the following:

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

21 and

22 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
23 section 446 the following:

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

24 (2) in section 442—

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

4 (B) striking “bureau” each place such
5 term appears (except in subsection (a)(1)) and
6 inserting “agency”;

7 (C) striking “the Bureau of Border Secu-
8 rity” each place such term appears and insert-
9 ing “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
10 ment”;

11 (D) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) in the subsection heading, striking
13 “OF BUREAU”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (3)(C), striking “af-
15 fecting the Bureau of” and inserting “af-
16 fecting U.S.”; and

17 (iii) in paragraph (4), striking “the
18 Bureau.” and inserting “the agency.”; and

19 (E) in subsection (b)(2)—

20 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
21 graph (A), striking “Bureau of Border Se-
22 curity” and inserting “U.S. Immigration
23 and Customs Enforcement”; and

24 (ii) in subparagraph (B), striking “the
25 Bureau of” before “Citizenship and Immi-

1 gration Services” and inserting “U.S.”;

2 and

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

5 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT.**

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

10 (1) the number of trainings that were provided
11 through the IMPACTT Program and the number of
12 personnel who received such training; and

13 (2) the number of potential human trafficking
14 victims who were assisted by the Homeland Security
15 Investigations Victim Assistance Program.