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H. R. 6868

To require the Attorney General to conduct a review and submit a report to the Congress on grant and other assistance programs of the Department of Justice to support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Ms. CARAVEO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Protecting Women and
5 Children Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF AND REPORT ON PROGRAMS SUP-**
2 **PORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,**
3 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING VIOLENCE, OR**
4 **STALKING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General of
7 the United States shall—

8 (1) complete a review of all grant and other as-
9 sistance programs of the Department of Justice that
10 support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault,
11 dating violence, or stalking, including such programs
12 under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34
13 U.S.C. 12291 et seq.) and the Victims of Crime Act
14 of 1984 (34 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.);

15 (2) submit to the Congress a report on the re-
16 sults of such review.

17 (b) REPORT CONTENTS.—The report required by
18 subsection (a)(2) shall include recommendations for
19 changes to the grant and other assistance programs re-
20 ferred to in such subsection—

21 (1) to increase protection and other support of
22 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating
23 violence, or stalking, particularly in rural areas; and

24 (2) to provide such victims with pathways out
25 of the environment in which the victims have been

1 mentally, verbally, physically, or sexually abused;
2 and

3 (3) to encourage and increase long-term sup-
4 port for such victims.

5 (c) PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—The Attorney
6 General of the United States shall publish the report re-
7 quired by subsection (a)(2) and take such other steps as
8 may be appropriate to increase awareness of the programs
9 described in subsection (a)(1) among State agencies, non-
10 profit organizations, and other entities eligible to apply for
11 assistance through such programs.

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