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H. R. 9599

To establish the gender-based violence survivor workforce program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALLRED (for himself and Mrs. SYKES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To establish the gender-based violence survivor workforce program.

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 “Skills Against Violence
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORKFORCE PROGRAM.**

7 Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-
8 forcement Act of 1994 is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

1 **“SEC. 41001. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SURVIVOR WORK-**
2 **FORCE PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office on Vi-
4 olence Against Women (in this section, referred to as ‘Di-
5 rector’), in consultation with the Director of the Women’s
6 Bureau, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and
7 Training Administration, and the Secretary of Labor,
8 shall award grants, as appropriate, to States, units of local
9 government, Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations,
10 including domestic violence and sexual assault victim serv-
11 ice providers and domestic violence and sexual assault coa-
12 litions, that have a documented history of effective work
13 concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
14 sault, or stalking to carry out programs to provide assist-
15 ance to minors, adults, and their dependents.

16 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Any grant awarded under this
17 section may be used for programs that provide the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(1) Activities to help survivors secure employ-
20 ment, including obtaining employment counseling,
21 occupational training, job retention counseling, and
22 counseling concerning re-entry into the workforce.

23 “(2) Outreach activities to make survivors
24 aware of services offered under this program.

1 “(3) Outreach activities to connect survivors
2 with employers that meet their needs and that sup-
3 port a safe workspace for survivors.

4 “(4) Support services (as defined by section 3
5 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act),
6 including—

7 “(A) child care, disability care, elder care,
8 and other forms of care;

9 “(B) transportation;

10 “(C) professional clothing and equipment;

11 “(D) legal services; and

12 “(E) gender-based violence counseling and
13 other mental health counseling.

14 “(c) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this
15 section, an eligible entity shall submit an application to
16 the Director at such time, in such manner, and accom-
17 panied by such information as the Director may reason-
18 ably require.

19 “(d) REPORTS.—

20 “(1) REPORT TO DIRECTOR.—As a part of the
21 report required to be submitted under section
22 40002(b)(6) of this title, an eligible entity that re-
23 ceives a grant under this section shall annually sub-
24 mit to the Director information relating to the effec-

1 tiveness of the programs carried out with amounts
2 from the grant, including—

3 “(A) the number of survivors for whom the
4 eligible entity supported workforce development;

5 “(B) if applicable, the number of survivors
6 who—

7 “(i) sought career services from the
8 eligible entity; and

9 “(ii) the eligible entity could not
10 serve;

11 “(C) if applicable, the number of survivors
12 who—

13 “(i) sought occupational skills train-
14 ing;

15 “(ii) received occupational skills train-
16 ing; and

17 “(iii) completed occupational skills
18 training;

19 “(D) if applicable, the number of individ-
20 uals who—

21 “(i) sought supportive services under
22 subsection (b)(4);

23 “(ii) received supportive services
24 under subsection (b)(4);

1 “(E) a survivor evaluation component that
2 is documented through survey or interview, in-
3 cluding the satisfaction of survivors with the ca-
4 reer services;

5 “(F) if applicable, the number of survivors
6 who received career services who—

7 “(i) enter employment;

8 “(ii) failed to enter employment; and

9 “(iii) any other qualitative or quan-
10 titative information determined by the Di-
11 rector.

12 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2
13 years after the date of enactment of this section,
14 and biennially thereafter, the Director shall submit
15 to Congress a report that summarizes the reports re-
16 ceived by the Director under paragraph (1).

17 “(e) SURVIVORS DEFINED.—The term ‘survivor’
18 means a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
19 ual assault, gender-based violence, trafficking, sexual har-
20 assment, and stalking.

21 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated to the Director such
23 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2025
24 through 2029 to carry out this section.”.

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