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H. R. 1907

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Preventing Domestic
5 Violence Homicides Through Assessment Training Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make
8 grants to States, units of local government, Indian Tribes,

1 domestic violence victim service providers, and State or
2 Tribal Domestic Violence Coalitions for technical assist-
3 ance and training in the operation or establishment of a
4 lethality assessment program.

5 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “lethality
6 assessment program” means a program that—

7 (1) rapidly connects a victim of domestic vio-
8 lence to local community-based victim service pro-
9 viders;

10 (2) helps first responders and others in the jus-
11 tice system, including courts, law enforcement agen-
12 cies, and prosecutors of Tribal government and units
13 of local government, identify and respond to possibly
14 lethal circumstances; and

15 (3) identifies victims of domestic violence who
16 are at high risk of being seriously injured or killed
17 by an intimate partner.

18 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
19 under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate experi-
20 ence in developing, implementing, evaluating, and dissemi-
21 nating a lethality assessment program.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out
24 this section for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

1 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in this section have
2 the meanings given such terms in section 40002 of the
3 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).

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