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H. R. 829

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CALVERT, and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Empower our Girls
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VAWA GRANT PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA
3 GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 2001(b) of the Omnibus
4 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
5 10441(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “female gen-
7 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

8 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “female gen-
9 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

10 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting “female gen-
11 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

12 (4) in paragraph (4), by inserting “female gen-
13 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

14 (5) in paragraph (5), by inserting “female gen-
15 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,” each
16 place it appears;

17 (6) in paragraph (7), by inserting “female gen-
18 ital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”;

19 (7) in paragraph (10), by striking “domestic vi-
20 olence” and inserting “domestic violence, female
21 genital mutilation,”;

22 (8) in paragraph (12), by inserting “female
23 genital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,” each
24 place it appears;

25 (9) in paragraph (14), by inserting “female
26 genital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”; and

(10) in paragraph (20), by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after “domestic violence,”.

(b) CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) CHOOSE CHILDREN AND YOUTH.—Section 41201 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12451) is amended by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each place it appears.

(2) SMART PREVENTION.—Section 41303 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12463) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each place it appears;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each place it appears; and

(ii) in paragraph (3), by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”; and

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by inserting “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “fe-
2 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-
3 sault,” each place it appears.

4 (c) GRANTS FOR OUTREACH AND SERVICES TO UN-
5 DERSERVED POPULATIONS.—Section 120 of the Violence
6 Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthoriza-
7 tion Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20123) is amended by insert-
8 ing “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”
9 each place it appears.

10 (d) IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES.—

11 (1) PURPOSE.—Section 2101(a) of the Omni-
12 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
13 U.S.C. 10461(a)) is amended by inserting “female
14 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”.

15 (2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Section 2101(b) of
16 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
17 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461(b)) is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “female
19 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each
20 place it appears;

21 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “female
22 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

23 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “female
24 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

1 (D) in paragraph (5), by inserting “female
2 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

3 (E) in paragraph (6), by inserting “female
4 genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”;

5 (F) in paragraph (14), by inserting “fe-
6 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-
7 sault,”;

8 (G) in paragraph (15), by inserting “fe-
9 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-
10 sault,”; and

11 (H) in paragraph (16), by inserting “fe-
12 male genital mutilation,” after “sexual as-
13 sault,”.

14 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 2101(c)(1)(D) of the
15 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
16 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10461(c)(1)(D)) is amended—

17 (A) by inserting “female genital mutila-
18 tion,” after “sexual assault,” the first place it
19 appears; and

20 (B) by striking “domestic violence, dating
21 violence, stalking, or sexual assault” and insert-
22 ing “domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
23 assault, female genital mutilation, or stalking”.

24 (4) APPLICATIONS.—Section 2102(b) of the
25 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of

1 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10462(b)) is amended by inserting
2 “female genital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,”
3 each place it appears.

4 (e) LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS.—Section 1201
5 of the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C.
6 20121) is amended by inserting “female genital mutila-
7 tion,” after “dating violence,” each place it appears.

8 (f) TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—
9 Section 40299 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994
10 (34 U.S.C. 12351) is amended by inserting “female gen-
11 ital mutilation,” after “sexual assault,” each place it ap-
12 pears.

13 (g) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION DEFINED.—Sec-
14 tion 40002(a) of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-
15 forcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)) is amended
16 by adding at the end the following:

17 “(46) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.—The
18 term ‘female genital mutilation’ means the removal
19 or infibulation (or both) of the whole or part of the
20 clitoris, the labia minor, or the labia major.”.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORTING ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.**

22 (a) UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS.—The Director of the
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation shall, pursuant to section
24 534 of title 28, United States Code, classify the offense

1 of female genital mutilation as a part II crime in the Uni-
2 form Crime Reports.

3 (b) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION DEFINED.—In
4 this section, the term “female genital mutilation” means
5 the removal or infibulation (or both) of the whole or part
6 of the clitoris, the labia minora, or labia majora.

