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To authorize grants for emotional support services for incarcerated victims of sexual abuse, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2023

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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 “Sexual Abuse Services
5 in Detention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE.—The term
9 “emotional support service”—

(A) means emotional support services or counseling for individuals who have experienced sexual abuse at any time in their life; and

(B) includes—

(i) crisis intervention services;

(ii) education about dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;

(iii) sharing resources;

(iv) safety planning and discussion of reporting options;

(v) telephone hotline services; and

(vi) assistance processing trauma reactions and building coping skills.

(2) EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term “emotional support service provider” means a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that has—

(A) special expertise and broad experience in providing sexual abuse and rape crisis counseling services for survivors, including victims of sexual abuse in correctional settings; and

(B) experience with correctional services, such as—

(i) understanding the unique dynamics of custodial sexual abuse;

- 1 (ii) understanding correctional prac-
 2 tices and correctional security concerns; or
 3 (iii) providing technical assistance and
 4 training to correctional officers and admin-
 5 istrators.

6 (3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
 7 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
 8 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
 9 enue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation
 10 under section 501(a) of such Code.

11 (4) TRAINING SERVICES.—The term “training
 12 services” means providing education, training, and
 13 technical assistance on providing emotional support
 14 services in corrections settings for incarcerated sur-
 15 vivors and victims of sexual abuse.

16 **SEC. 3. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SEXUAL**
 17 **ABUSE VICTIMS IN DETENTION FACILITIES.**

18 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General,
 19 acting through the Director of the Office for Victims of
 20 Crime, may award grants to emotional support service
 21 providers for the purpose of collaborating with Federal,
 22 State, local, or Tribal authorities to provide emotional sup-
 23 port services in corrections settings for incarcerated sur-
 24 vivors and victims of sexual abuse.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each
 3 of fiscal years 2024 through 2029 to carry out this sec-
 4 tion.

5 (c) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made
 6 available under this section shall supplement and not sup-
 7 plant any other authorization, appropriation, or grant.

8 **SEC. 4. TRAINING GRANTS.**

9 (a) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term “el-
 10 igible entity” means an entity that has experience pro-
 11 viding training services in the manner described in sub-
 12 section (c).

13 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General may award
 14 grants to eligible entities to carry out the activities de-
 15 scribed in subsection (c).

16 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
 17 a grant under subsection (b) shall use amounts received
 18 under the grant to—

19 (1) provide training services to a corrections
 20 agency or facility seeking to offer emotional support
 21 services at the institution;

22 (2) provide training services to correctional offi-
 23 cers and administrators; and

1 (3) collect and maintain data on a biannual
2 basis on the usage volume for training services de-
3 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2).

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out
6 this section for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.

7 **SEC. 5. SEXUAL ABUSE SERVICES IN DETENTION RE-**
8 **SOURCE CENTER.**

9 (a) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION.—In this section, the
10 term “eligible organization” means a nonprofit organiza-
11 tion that has special expertise and broad experience in pro-
12 viding the information, guidance, and technical assistance
13 described in subsection (b).

14 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General shall
15 establish a national resource center that shall—

16 (1) provide guidance and training series to cor-
17 rections agencies, prisons, jails, and other detention
18 facilities on establishing, administering, operating,
19 and supporting emotional support services for sexual
20 abuse victims in correctional or detention facilities;

21 (2) provide guidance and training services to
22 emotional support service providers on establishing,
23 administering, operating, and supporting emotional
24 support services for sexual abuse victims in correc-
25 tional or detention facilities; and

1 (3) collect, compile, and disseminate resources
2 on the delivery of emotional support services in cor-
3 rectional or detention settings, including—

4 (A) training services;

5 (B) research; and

6 (C) best practices.

7 (c) GRANT.—The Attorney General may make a
8 grant to an eligible organization to provide for the estab-
9 lishment, functioning, or implementation of subsection (b).

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of
12 fiscal years 2024 through 2029 to carry out this section.

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