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# H. R. 3834

To provide a requirement to improve data collection efforts.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2021

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. STANTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. MENG, Mr. CARSON, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. BASS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LIEU, Ms. DEAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To provide a requirement to improve data collection efforts.

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 “LGBTQ Essential  
5 Data Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION ON THE SEXUAL**  
2 **ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY OF DE-**  
3 **CEASED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE NA-**  
4 **TIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYS-**  
5 **TEM.**

6 (a) **COLLECTION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND**  
7 **GENDER IDENTITY DATA.—**

8 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 120 days  
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director  
10 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
11 shall take measures to improve the incidence of the  
12 collection of information on the sexual orientation  
13 and gender identity of deceased individuals through  
14 the National Violent Death Reporting System or any  
15 successor programs.

16 (2) **CONFIDENTIALITY.—**Any information col-  
17 lected relating to the sexual orientation or gender  
18 identity of a decedent shall be maintained in accord-  
19 ance with the confidentiality and privacy standards  
20 and policies for the protection of individuals applica-  
21 ble to all other data collected for purposes of the  
22 National Violent Death Reporting System.

23 (b) **DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

24 (1) **GENDER IDENTITY.—**The term “gender  
25 identity” means an individual’s sense of being male,

1 female, transgender, or another gender, as distinct  
2 from the individual’s sex assigned at birth.

3 (2) SEXUAL ORIENTATION.—The term “sexual  
4 orientation” means how a person identifies in terms  
5 of their emotional, romantic, or sexual attractions,  
6 and includes identification as straight, heterosexual,  
7 gay, lesbian, or bisexual, among other terms.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-  
9 propriated \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 to carry out  
10 this section.

11 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

12 It is the sense of the Congress that—

13 (1) the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
14 tion has made significant efforts to encourage States  
15 and other jurisdictions to collect data on sexual ori-  
16 entation and gender identity through the National  
17 Violent Death Reporting System; and

18 (2) jurisdictions that participate in the collec-  
19 tion of such data through the National Violent  
20 Death Reporting System should be commended for  
21 their participation.

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