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S. 2364

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for demonstration grants and create a Federal Work Group to reduce and prevent the incidence of teen dating violence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Bree’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

6 Section 1708 of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300u–7) is amended by—

1 (1) striking subsection (c) and inserting the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(c) CERTAIN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
 5 (b)(3), the Secretary may make grants to carry out
 6 demonstration projects for the purpose of improving
 7 adolescent health, including—

8 “(A) projects to train health care providers
 9 in providing services to adolescents; and

10 “(B) projects to reduce the incidence of vi-
 11 olence among adolescents, particularly violence
 12 related to teen dating, which shall include
 13 projects to develop and implement educational
 14 program to increase abuse awareness and pre-
 15 vention.

16 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 For the purpose of carrying out paragraph (1), there
 18 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for
 19 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(g) INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP.—

22 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
 23 tablish the Federal Interagency Work Group on
 24 Teen Dating Violence (referred to in this section as
 25 the ‘Work Group’).

1 “(2) IN GENERAL.—

2 “(A) COMPOSITION.—Not later than 120
3 days after the date of enactment of Bree’s Law,
4 the Secretary shall appoint representatives to
5 the Work Group from the Administration for
6 Children and Families, the Centers for Disease
7 Control and Prevention, the Health Resources
8 and Services Administration, the Department of
9 Education, the Department of Justice, and
10 other Federal agencies as determined appro-
11 priate by the Secretary.

12 “(B) CONSULTATION.—The Work Group
13 shall consult with—

14 “(i) experts at the State, Tribal, and
15 local levels with relevant backgrounds in
16 reducing and preventing the incidence of
17 teen dating violence;

18 “(ii) victims of teen dating violence;
19 and

20 “(iii) family members of teens who
21 were killed by a dating partner.

22 “(3) DUTIES.—The Work Group shall—

23 “(A) examine all Federal efforts directed
24 towards reducing and preventing teen dating vi-
25 olence;

1 “(B) identify strategies, resources, and
2 supports to improve State, Tribal, and local re-
3 sponses to the incidence of teen dating violence;

4 “(C) make recommendations to Congress
5 for improving Federal programs and efforts and
6 coordination across such programs and efforts
7 to reduce and prevent teen dating violence; and

8 “(D) make recommendations for educating
9 middle and high school students on teen dating
10 violence.

11 “(4) ANNUAL REPORT TO SECRETARY.—The
12 Work Group shall annually prepare and submit to
13 the Secretary, the Committee on Health, Education,
14 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and the Com-
15 mittee on Education and Labor of the House of
16 Representatives, a report on the activities carried
17 out by the Work Group under subsection (c), includ-
18 ing recommendations to reduce and prevent teen
19 dating violence.”.

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