

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3601

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team grant program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2025

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

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## 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 “National ACERT  
5 Grant Program Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES RESPONSE**  
2 **TEAM GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
4 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART OO—ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**  
7 **RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM**  
8 **“SEC. 3051. GRANTS FOR ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERI-**  
9 **ENCES RESPONSE TEAMS.**

10 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made  
11 available to carry out this section, the Attorney General,  
12 in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human  
13 Services, shall make grants to States, units of local gov-  
14 ernment, Indian Tribes, and neighborhood or community-  
15 based organizations to address adverse childhood experi-  
16 ences associated with exposure to trauma.

17 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received under a  
18 grant under this section may be used to establish an ad-  
19 verse childhood experiences response team, including by—

20 “(1) establishing protocols to follow when en-  
21 counteracting a child or youth exposed to trauma to fa-  
22 cilitate access to services;

23 “(2) developing referral partnership agreements  
24 with behavioral health providers, substance treat-  
25 ment facilities, and recovery services for family  
26 members of children exposed to trauma;

1           “(3) integrating law enforcement, mental  
2 health, and crisis services to respond to situations  
3 where children have been exposed to trauma;

4           “(4) implementing comprehensive programs and  
5 practices to support children exposed to trauma;

6           “(5) identifying barriers for children to access  
7 trauma-informed care in their communities;

8           “(6) providing training in trauma-informed care  
9 to emergency response providers, victim service pro-  
10 viders, child protective service professionals, edu-  
11 cational institutions, and other community partners;

12           “(7) supporting cross-system planning and col-  
13 laboration among officers and employees who work  
14 in law enforcement, court systems, child welfare  
15 services, correctional reentry programs, emergency  
16 medical services, health care services, public health,  
17 and substance abuse treatment and recovery sup-  
18 port; and

19           “(8) providing technical assistance to commu-  
20 nities, organizations, and public agencies on how to  
21 prevent and mitigate the impact of exposure to trau-  
22 ma and violence.

23           “(c) APPLICATION.—A State, unit of local govern-  
24 ment, Indian Tribe, or neighborhood or community-based  
25 organization desiring a grant under this section shall sub-

1 mit to the Attorney General an application in such form,  
2 and containing such information, as the Attorney General  
3 may reasonably require.

4 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
5 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-  
6 priated \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026  
7 through 2029.”.

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