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H. R. 7494

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to establish a national training and technical assistance center to provide for the ongoing promotion and adoption of lethality assessment programs to reduce domestic violence-related homicides, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Ms. ELFRETH (for herself, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. SCHMIDT) introduced the following bill; which was 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 The Act may be cited as the “Preventing Domestic
5 Violence Homicides Through Lethality Assessment Train-
6 ing and Technical Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM RE-**
2 **SOURCE CENTER GRANT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make
4 an award to one or more nonprofit or tribal organizations
5 to establish a national training and technical assistance
6 center to promote and support the adoption of lethality
7 assessment programs by States, units of local government,
8 and Indian Tribes.

9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
10 under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate national
11 experience in developing, implementing, evaluating, and
12 disseminating a lethality assessment program for the pur-
13 pose of reducing domestic violence-related homicides.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each fiscal
16 year beginning in fiscal year 2026, to remain available
17 until expended.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “lethality assessment program”
20 means a program that—

21 (A) rapidly connects a victim of domestic
22 violence to local community-based victim service
23 providers;

24 (B) helps first responders, such as law en-
25 forcement agencies, identify and respond to do-

1 mestic violence situations that may result in
2 death; and

3 (C) identifies victims of domestic violence
4 who are at high risk of being seriously injured
5 or killed by an intimate partner through evi-
6 dence-based tools that are validated for the
7 community.

8 (2) The terms have the meanings given such
9 terms in section 40002 of the Violence Against
10 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).

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