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H. R. 3287

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for demonstration projects in which nurses and other health care professionals in hospital emergency rooms and other sites provide specialized assistance to victims of sexual assault and interpersonal violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

Mr. WEINER (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 Assault Nurse
5 Examiners Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEXUAL ASSAULT AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE;**
2 **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING**
3 **COUNSELING, EVIDENCE-COLLECTION, AND**
4 **OTHER SERVICES OF NURSES AND OTHER**
5 **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN HOSPITAL**
6 **EMERGENCY ROOMS AND OTHER SITES.**

7 Section 393 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 280b–1a) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
10 section (c); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
12 lowing subsection:

13 “(b)(1) With respect to all victims of sexual assault
14 and interpersonal violence who present at hospital emer-
15 gency rooms and other sites offering services to such vic-
16 tims, demonstration projects under subsection (a)(6) shall
17 include projects in which, on a 24-hour basis, nurses and
18 other health care professionals at such rooms and sites
19 who are trained in accordance with protocols under para-
20 graph (2)—

21 “(A) identify victims of such violence;

22 “(B) collect physical evidence from the victims
23 that may be of use in judicial proceedings regarding
24 the violence; and

25 “(C) provide counseling, in conjunction with
26 rape crisis center programs and victim service pro-

1 viders, on such violence and appropriate referrals,
2 including referrals for health-related services and so-
3 cial services.

4 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
5 shall carry out a program to train nurses and other health
6 care professionals to provide the services described in such
7 paragraph. The program shall develop a protocol for such
8 training.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendment made by section 2 to section 393 of
11 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b–1a) shall
12 apply to demonstration projects funded under subsection
13 (a)(6) of such Act which are ongoing on the date of the
14 enactment of this Act.

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