

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1875

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mrs. MORELLA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

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. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF VIO-**
4 **LENCE.**

5 Section 1201 of the Violence Against Women Act of
6 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg-6) is amended—
7 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “dating vio-
8 lence,” after “domestic violence,”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by inserting before paragraph (1) the
3 following:

4 “(1) DATING VIOLENCE.—The term ‘dating vio-
5 lence’ means violence committed by a person—

6 “(A) who is or has been in a social rela-
7 tionship of a romantic or intimate nature with
8 the victim; and

9 “(B) where the existence of such a rela-
10 tionship shall be determined based on a consid-
11 eration of the following factors:

12 “(i) the length of the relationship;

13 “(ii) the type of relationship; and

14 “(iii) the frequency of interaction be-
15 tween the persons involved in the relation-
16 ship.”;

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
18 and (3) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) respec-
19 tively; and

20 (C) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by
21 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, by insert-
22 ing “dating violence,” after “domestic vio-
23 lence.”;

24 (3) in subsection (c)—

25 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting—

- 1 (i) “, dating violence,” after “domestic violence”; and
- 2 (ii) “dating violence,” after “domestic violence,”;
- 3 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “dating
- 4 violence,” after “domestic violence,”; and
- 5 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “dating
- 6 violence,” after “domestic violence,”;
- 7 (4) in subsection (d)—
- 8 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, dating
- 9 violence,” after “domestic violence”;
- 10 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, dating
- 11 violence,” after “domestic violence”;
- 12 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, dating
- 13 violence,” after “domestic violence”; and
- 14 (D) in paragraph (4), by inserting “dating
- 15 violence,” after “domestic violence,”;
- 16 (5) in subsection (e), by inserting “dating
- 17 violence,” after “domestic violence,”; and
- 18 (6) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by inserting “dating
- 19 violence,” after “domestic violence.”

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