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To protect survivors from brain injury by authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect data on the prevalence of brain injuries resulting from domestic and sexual violence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ERNST) 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 the “Protecting Survivors
5 from Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DATA COLLECTION.**

7 (a) COLLECTION OF DATA ON BRAIN INJURIES RE-
8 LATED TO DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services (referred to in this section as the
3 “Secretary”) shall collect data on the prevalence of
4 brain injuries resulting from domestic or sexual vio-
5 lence in order to assist the Department in under-
6 standing, addressing, and allocating resources to
7 prevent, reduce, and treat such injuries, the impacts
8 of such injuries, and the causes of such injuries.

9 (2) COLLECTION.—In carrying out paragraph
10 (1), the Secretary, acting through the Director of
11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
12 shall, through existing surveys on domestic or sexual
13 violence, collect data on the prevalence and cir-
14 cumstances surrounding brain injuries due to domes-
15 tic or sexual violence. The Secretary shall allow for
16 data collection for not fewer than 2 years.

17 (3) PRIVACY.—Data shall be collected, stored,
18 and analyzed under this section in a manner that
19 protects individual privacy and confidentiality.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
21 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
22 relevant congressional committees, and post on the website
23 of the Department of Health and Human Services, a re-
24 port that shall contain—

1 (1) an analysis of the data collected under sub-
2 section (a) relating to the connection between do-
3 mestic and sexual violence and brain injuries; and

4 (2) a description of the steps that the Depart-
5 ment of Health and Human Services is taking to in-
6 crease awareness, increase services, decrease preva-
7 lence, and otherwise respond to the public health
8 issue of brain injury that results from domestic and
9 sexual violence.

10 (c) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
11 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
12 section.

13 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “brain in-
14 jury” means an injury that impacts the function of the
15 brain as a result of trauma, choking, or strangulation due
16 to domestic or sexual violence.

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