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To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Center
for Violence Prevention, and for other purposes.

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Mr. QUIGLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Na-
tional Center for Violence Prevention, and for other pur-
poses.

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 “Public Health Violence
5 Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES, VIO-**
7 **LENCE, INJURY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
8 **HEALTH.**

9 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services shall rename the Office of Noncommunicable Dis-
 2 eases, Injury, and Environmental Health, within the Cen-
 3 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of
 4 Noncommunicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and Envi-
 5 ronmental Health and shall take such measures as is nec-
 6 essary to provide that any reference in regulation or guid-
 7 ance to the Office of Noncommunicable Diseases, Injury,
 8 and Environmental Health is a reference to the Office of
 9 Noncommunicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and Envi-
 10 ronmental Health.

11 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Public Health
 13 Service Act (241 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 14 the following new part:

15 **“PART W—PROGRAMS RELATING TO VIOLENCE**
 16 **PREVENTION**

17 **“Subpart I—National Center for Violence Prevention**

18 **“SEC. 39900. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CENTER FOR**
 19 **VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

20 “There is established, within the Office of Non-
 21 communicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and Environ-
 22 mental Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
 23 vention, the National Center for Violence Prevention,
 24 which shall be headed by a director appointed by the Sec-
 25 retary (in this part referred to as the ‘Director’).”.

1 (b) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITIES; EFFECTIVE
2 DATE.—

3 (1) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITIES.—The Sec-
4 retary of Health and Human Services shall delegate
5 to the Director of the National Center for Violence
6 Prevention all duties and authorities relating to vio-
7 lence prevention that, as of the day before the date
8 of enactment of this Act, were vested in the Director
9 of the National Center for Injury Prevention and
10 Control of the Office of Noncommunicable Diseases,
11 Injury, and Environmental Health of the Centers for
12 Disease Control and Prevention.

13 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the
14 amendments made by this section apply beginning
15 on the day that is 6 months after the date of enact-
16 ment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 4. PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PRO-**
18 **GRAM.**

19 Part W of title III of the Public Health Service Act
20 (241 et seq.), as added by section 3, is amended by adding
21 at the end the following new subpart:

**“Subpart II—Public Health Violence Prevention
Program**

**“SEC. 39900–11. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM AND GEN-
ERAL PROVISIONS.**

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall establish a Public Health Violence Prevention Program under which the Director shall establish and oversee each of the grant programs under this subpart.

“(b) PREFERENCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants under a grant program under this subpart the Director shall give preference to applications for projects to serve an area that is included in the cities, counties (including rural), and frontier areas with the 50 highest annual rates of violence per capita as well as those with the highest increases in all forms of violence over a period, as specified by the Director.

“(2) DETERMINATION CONSIDERATIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) to determine annual rates of violence the Director shall consider data on gun violence, sexual violence, domestic violence, drug-related violence, school violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and suicide; and

“(B) the Director shall rely on violence data from the Department of Justice and the

1 Census Bureau until the Office of Data Collec-
2 tion and Evaluation under section 39900–35 is
3 operational.

4 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under a grant
5 program under this subpart shall be used at a minimum
6 for the deployment of comprehensive health-focused re-
7 sponses to violence and the prevention of violence.

8 “(d) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS.—Grants shall
9 be awarded under a grant program under this subpart on
10 a competitive basis, based on the level of need of the area
11 which would be served by the project proposed in the ap-
12 plication for the grant, the project design, the capacity of
13 the applicant to implement the project, capacity building,
14 as well as the plan proposed in the application to evaluate
15 the outcomes of the project. Individual projects, policies,
16 or strategies funded pursuant to this subpart for a period
17 and found to be effective at reducing violence may be given
18 preference for awarding grants under this subpart for a
19 subsequent period.

20 “(e) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT.—Each recipi-
21 ent of a grant awarded under a grant program under this
22 subpart shall be required as a condition of receipt of such
23 grant to submit an annual performance report, with re-
24 spect to each year for which the grant is awarded to such
25 recipient, detailing how the funds under such grant were

1 used and progress made during the applicable funding pe-
2 riod under the grant.

3 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
4 purposes of carrying out this subpart, for each of fiscal
5 years 2018 through 2023, there are authorized to be ap-
6 propriated, in addition to any amounts otherwise author-
7 ized to be appropriated or made available to the Centers
8 for Disease Control and Prevention, \$500,000,000. Of the
9 amount appropriated pursuant to the previous sentence
10 for a fiscal year—

11 “(1) 70 percent shall be made available to carry
12 out section 39900–12;

13 “(2) 4 percent shall be made available to carry
14 out section 39900–13;

15 “(3) 10 percent shall be made available to carry
16 out section 39900–14;

17 “(4) 10 percent shall be made available to carry
18 out section 39900–15; and

19 “(5) 6 percent shall be made available to carry
20 out section 39900–16.

21 **“SEC. 39900–12. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLENCE**
22 **PREVENTION GRANTS.**

23 “The Director shall, under the Public Health Vio-
24 lence Prevention Program, carry out the Public Health
25 Department Violence Prevention Grants Program under

1 which the Director shall award competitive grants to local
2 public health departments (operating within high violence
3 cities, counties (including rural), and frontier areas, as de-
4 termined in accordance with section 39900–11(b)) for the
5 following purposes:

6 “(1) To develop and implement evidence-based
7 comprehensive community-based prevention and
8 intervention strategy to address violence in the com-
9 munity services by such department.

10 “(2) To incentivize health sector leadership to
11 address social determinants related to violence.

12 “(3) To coordinate the use of health data with
13 other sectors to build community capacity to address
14 social determinants of health.

15 “(4) To improve coordination within such de-
16 partment and leadership of such department in ad-
17 dressing violence as a health issue as well as develop
18 infrastructure to reduce the racial inequities related
19 to violence including hiring, training, and supporting
20 violence prevention coordinators.

21 “(5) To monitor past and current violence
22 trends to disseminate resources to increase resil-
23 ience.

1 **“SEC. 39900–13. UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
 2 **VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall, under the
 4 Public Health Violence Prevention Program, carry out the
 5 University/School of Public Health Violence Prevention
 6 Grants Program under which the Director shall award
 7 competitive grants to public or private university schools
 8 of public health to fund faculty, research, trials, and staff
 9 to—

10 “(1) support the development of courses on vio-
 11 lence as a health issue;

12 “(2) research and evaluate health-related vio-
 13 lence interventions;

14 “(3) provide coordination for a network of high-
 15 er education institutions to support local and re-
 16 gional violence prevention efforts that promote resil-
 17 ience; and

18 “(4) develop and offer certifications for violence
 19 prevention coordinators.

20 “(b) EXCLUSIONS.—A grant awarded under sub-
 21 section (a) may not be used for construction of classroom
 22 space or other permanent infrastructure.

23 **“SEC. 39900–14. CRIMINAL JUSTICE VIOLENCE PREVEN-**
 24 **TION GRANTS.**

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall, under the
 26 Public Health Violence Prevention Program, carry out the

1 Criminal Justice Violence Prevention Grants Program
2 under which the Director shall award competitive grants
3 to local criminal justice agencies working to improve law
4 enforcement at the local level to support innovative joint
5 health-criminal justice efforts to work together on violence
6 as a health issue.

7 “(b) PERMISSIVE USES.—A grant awarded under
8 this section may be used to support officer training, inter-
9 vention specialists, case workers, and strategies that em-
10 ploy health alternatives to arrest.

11 “(c) EXCLUSIONS.—A grant awarded under this sec-
12 tion may not be used to hire additional officers or supple-
13 ment existing salaries.

14 “(d) ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS.—An application sub-
15 mitted for a grant under this section shall contain a pro-
16 posal submitted jointly by at least one health agency and
17 one criminal justice or law enforcement agency, which will
18 jointly be involved with carrying out the proposal.

19 **“SEC. 39900–15. SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND**
20 **TRAUMA MITIGATION GRANTS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall, under the
22 Public Health Violence Prevention Program, carry out the
23 School Violence Prevention and Trauma Mitigation
24 Grants Program under which the Director shall award

1 competitive grants to primary and secondary public school
2 districts for the following:

3 “(1) The development and implementation of
4 programs to promote pro-social norms, non-violent
5 conflict resolution, and social skills among students
6 for positive school climate while eliminating zero tol-
7 erance policies and reducing out of school time.

8 “(2) The integration of comprehensive school-
9 based mental health services.

10 “(b) PRIORITIZATION.—A district receiving a grant
11 under this section shall prioritize areas with the highest
12 rates of violence.

13 “(c) PERMISSIBLE USES.—A grant awarded under
14 this section may be used for mental health services, educa-
15 tor training, curriculum development, and violence inter-
16 ventionists in schools.

17 **“SEC. 39900-16. STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLENCE**
18 **PREVENTION GRANTS.**

19 “The Director shall, under the Public Health Vio-
20 lence Prevention Program, carry out the State Health De-
21 partment Violence Prevention Grants Program under
22 which the Director shall award competitive grants to up
23 to 30 statewide health departments to invest in coordi-
24 nating multiple communities served by the department in-
25 volved and local health departments implementing health

1 approaches to violence prevention, including alternatives
 2 to incarceration, community healing practices, and resil-
 3 ient communities.”.

4 **SEC. 5. PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SECTOR VIOLENCE PRE-**
 5 **VENTION PROGRAM.**

6 Part W of title III of the Public Health Service Act
 7 (241 et seq.), as added by section 3 and amended by sec-
 8 tion 4, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
 9 lowing new subpart:

10 **“Subpart III—Private Health Care Sector Violence**
 11 **Prevention Program**

12 **“SEC. 39900–21. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM AND GEN-**
 13 **ERAL PROVISIONS.**

14 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall establish
 15 a Private Health Care Sector Violence Prevention Pro-
 16 gram under which the Director shall establish each of the
 17 grant programs under this subpart.

18 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under a
 19 grant program under this subpart shall be used entirely
 20 for the deployment of comprehensive health-focused re-
 21 sponses to violence and the prevention of violence.

22 “(c) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS.—Grants shall
 23 be awarded under a grant program under this subpart on
 24 a competitive basis, based on the level of need of the area
 25 which would be served by the project proposed in the ap-

1 plication for the grant, the project design, the capacity of
2 the applicant to implement the project, as well as the plan
3 proposed in the application to evaluate the outcomes of
4 the project.

5 “(d) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT.—Each recipi-
6 ent of a grant awarded under a grant program under this
7 subpart shall be required as a condition of receipt of such
8 grant to submit an annual performance report, with re-
9 spect to each year for which the grant is awarded to such
10 recipient, detailing how the funds under such grant were
11 used and progress made during the applicable funding pe-
12 riod under the grant.

13 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
14 purposes of carrying out this subpart, for each of fiscal
15 years 2018 through 2023, there are authorized to be ap-
16 propriated, in addition to any amounts otherwise author-
17 ized to be appropriated or made available to the Centers
18 for Disease Control and Prevention, \$350,000,000. Of the
19 amount appropriated pursuant to the previous sentence
20 for a fiscal year—

21 “(1) 15 percent shall be made available to carry
22 out section 39900–22;

23 “(2) 35 percent shall be made available to carry
24 out section 39900–23;

1 “(3) 7 percent shall be made available to carry
2 out section 39900–24;

3 “(4) 28 percent shall be made available to carry
4 out section 39900–25; and

5 “(5) 15 percent shall be made available to carry
6 out section 39900–26.

7 **“SEC. 39900–22. HOSPITAL-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
8 **GRANTS.**

9 “The Director shall, under the Private Health Care
10 Sector Violence Prevention Program, carry out the Hos-
11 pital-Based Violence Prevention Grants Program under
12 which the Director shall award competitive grants to pri-
13 vate and public hospitals to implement new programs or
14 enhance existing programs for the following purposes:

15 “(1) To implement or have in place violence
16 intervention programs in coordination with existing
17 violence prevention initiatives, including patient
18 screenings.

19 “(2) To provide for incentives to include vio-
20 lence and other determinants of health in health as-
21 sessments and community needs assessments in co-
22 ordination with local health departments.

23 “(3) To provide for the development of and con-
24 tribution to city-wide or metropolitan area health
25 data collection systems.

1 **“SEC. 39900–23. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VIOLENCE PREVEN-**
2 **TION GRANTS.**

3 “The Director shall, under the Private Health Care
4 Sector Violence Prevention Program, carry out the Behav-
5 ioral Health Violence Prevention Grants Program under
6 which the Director shall award competitive grants to be-
7 havioral health providers for the following:

8 “(1) Development and implementation of trau-
9 ma informed protocols and practices.

10 “(2) Training and programming for non-clinical
11 peer counselors.

12 “(3) Behavioral health training for police,
13 schools, and other community sectors.

14 “(4) Support for community level approaches,
15 including trauma interventions such as community
16 healing that promote individual and system resil-
17 ience.

18 **“SEC. 39900–24. PRIMARY CARE VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
19 **GRANTS.**

20 “The Director shall, under the Private Health Care
21 Sector Violence Prevention Program, carry out the Pri-
22 mary Care Violence Prevention Grants Program under
23 which the Director shall award competitive grants to pub-
24 lic and private primary care providers for innovative ef-
25 forts to address the following:

1 “(1) Development and implementation of efforts
2 to—

3 “(A) address violence and trauma among
4 the patients of the provider involved and the
5 community in which such provider is located;
6 and

7 “(B) coordinate with existing violence pre-
8 vention efforts.

9 “(2) Facilitation of connections between pri-
10 mary care and behavioral health services.

11 **“SEC. 39900–25. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS VIOLENCE**
12 **PREVENTION GRANTS.**

13 “The Director shall, under the Private Health Care
14 Sector Violence Prevention Program, carry out the Com-
15 munity Connections Violence Prevention Grants Program
16 under which the Director shall award competitive grants
17 to community-based organizations for training and imple-
18 mentation of trauma-informed services, including—

19 “(1) training and mobilizing communities im-
20 pacted by violence with skills in trauma-informed
21 services at the individual and community level;

22 “(2) developing referral networks to reduce ex-
23 posure to trauma and increase resources for those
24 exposed; and

1 “(3) developing a means through which individ-
 2 uals may enter into health care and violence preven-
 3 tion roles.

4 **“SEC. 39900–26. ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS VIOLENCE**
 5 **PREVENTION GRANTS.**

6 “The Director shall, under the Private Health Care
 7 Sector Violence Prevention Program, carry out the Aca-
 8 demic Medical Centers Violence Prevention Grants Pro-
 9 gram under which the Director shall award competitive
 10 grants to academic medical centers to—

11 “(1) facilitate the development of curriculum on
 12 community-based violence prevention and interven-
 13 tion and on violence as a health issue generally; and

14 “(2) prepare students studying to become
 15 health care providers with a framework for their role
 16 in violence prevention through the use of trauma-in-
 17 formed care trainings and evaluations of health care
 18 services, among other appropriate measures.”.

19 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL HEALTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PRO-**
 20 **GRAM.**

21 Part W of title III of the Public Health Service Act
 22 (241 et seq.), as added by section 3 and amended by sec-
 23 tions 4 and 5, is further amended by adding at the end
 24 the following new subpart:

1 **“Subpart IV—National Health Violence Prevention**
2 **Program**

3 **“SEC. 39900–31. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM AND GEN-**
4 **ERAL PROVISIONS.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall establish
6 a National Health Violence Prevention Program under
7 which the Director shall oversee each of the offices and
8 programs under this subpart.

9 “(b) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT.—Each Office
10 or Board established under this part shall submit to the
11 head of the agency involved and Congress an annual per-
12 formance report detailing how funds appropriated to the
13 Office pursuant to subsection (c) during the applicable
14 funding period were used.

15 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
16 purposes of carrying out this subpart, for each of fiscal
17 years 2018 through 2023, there are authorized to be ap-
18 propriated, in addition to any amounts otherwise author-
19 ized to be appropriated or made available to the Centers
20 for Disease Control and Prevention, \$100,000,000. Of the
21 amount appropriated pursuant to the previous sentence
22 for a fiscal year—

23 “(1) 15 percent shall be made available to carry
24 out section 39900–32;

25 “(2) 15 percent shall be made available to carry
26 out section 39900–33;

1 “(3) 20 percent shall be made available to carry
2 out section 39900–34;

3 “(4) 20 percent shall be made available to carry
4 out section 39900–35; and

5 “(5) 30 percent shall be made available to carry
6 out section 39900–36.

7 **“SEC. 39900–32. OFFICE OF APPLIED VIOLENCE PREVEN-**
8 **TION RESEARCH.**

9 “‘There is established the Office of Applied Violence
10 Prevention Research under the National Health Violence
11 Prevention Program within the Office of Noncommu-
12 nicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and Environmental
13 Health to generate knowledge about violence prevention
14 by investing in research institutions annually and funding
15 research to focus on violence as a health issue.

16 **“SEC. 39900–33. NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON VIOLENCE**
17 **PREVENTION UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH**
18 **VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish a
20 National Advisory Board on Violence Prevention under
21 the National Health Violence Prevention Program within
22 the Office of Noncommunicable Diseases, Violence, Injury,
23 and Environmental Health to identify public policies that
24 prevent violence.

25 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall consist of
2 15 members appointed by the Director of the Cen-
3 ters for Disease Control and Prevention and shall in-
4 clude representatives of the public and private sec-
5 tors, law enforcement, primary care, public health,
6 behavior health, both political parties, academia, and
7 persons impacted by violence.

8 “(2) TERM OF SERVICE.—Each member shall
9 serve on the board for a term of 3 years, except
10 that—

11 “(A) a member may not serve more than
12 two full consecutive terms (but may be re-
13 appointed to two full consecutive terms after
14 being appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board);

15 “(B) a member appointed to fill a vacancy
16 occurring prior to the expiration of the term for
17 which that member’s predecessor was appointed
18 shall be appointed for the remainder of such
19 term; and

20 “(C) a member may continue to serve after
21 the expiration of the member’s term until a suc-
22 cessor has taken office.

23 “(3) PAY FOR TRAVEL.—Each member may re-
24 ceive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
25 subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions

1 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
2 States Code.

3 “(4) STAFF.—The Director may appoint and
4 fix the pay of additional personnel as the Director
5 considers appropriate.

6 “(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The board shall annually
7 (beginning for 2019) submit to Congress a report con-
8 taining recommendations for public policies described in
9 subsection (a). Such recommendations included in such a
10 report shall have the support of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members
11 of the Board. National and regional conferences for grant-
12 ees shall be held by advisory board members to dissemi-
13 nate the recommendations submitted under this sub-
14 section, including new evidence supporting such rec-
15 ommendations.

16 **“SEC. 39900–34. VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING PRO-**
17 **GRAM.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Office
19 of Violence Prevention Training Program under the Na-
20 tional Health Violence Prevention Program within the Of-
21 fice of Noncommunicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and
22 Environmental Health to provide for the cultivation and
23 development of leaders using the health approach to vio-
24 lence prevention.

1 “(b) PERMISSIBLE USES OF FUNDS.—Funds made
2 available to the Office may be used for supporting experts
3 in the field to deliver trainings, scholarships, and fellow-
4 ships and to develop centers for ongoing regional
5 trainings.

6 **“SEC. 39900–35. OFFICE OF DATA COLLECTION AND EVAL-**
7 **UATION.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Office
9 of Data Collection and Evaluation under the National
10 Health Violence Prevention Program within the Office of
11 Noncommunicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and Envi-
12 ronmental Health to develop a nationwide data collection
13 system for violence and violence prevention initiatives.

14 “(b) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

15 “(1) develop and set data collection standards
16 and requirements for all programs carried out by the
17 National Center for Violence Prevention programs;

18 “(2) annually use the data collection system to
19 analyze both the economic and health impacts of vio-
20 lence at the city, State, and national levels; and

21 “(3) analyze the effectiveness of each program
22 carried out by the National Center for Violence Pre-
23 vention and determine their impacts on violence pre-
24 vention and reduction, health, race, and equity.

1 **“SEC. 39900–36. OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDU-**
2 **CATION AND OUTREACH.**

3 “There is established the Office of Violence Preven-
4 tion Education and Outreach under the National Health
5 Violence Prevention Program within the Office of Non-
6 communicable Diseases, Violence, Injury, and Environ-
7 mental Health to—

8 “(1) provide outreach and technical assistance
9 services to entities awarded a grant under this part
10 for establishing and carrying out educational pro-
11 grams on violence prevention and effective responses
12 to violence; and

13 “(2) carry out a national campaign, with guid-
14 ance from local communities impacted by violence, to
15 change community norms so violence is no longer ac-
16 ceptable.”.

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