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H. R. 4152

To authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for domestic court advocacy programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for domestic court advocacy programs.

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. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

4 The Attorney General is authorized to make 10 dem-
5 onstration grants to eligible entities to provide for not less
6 than 1 specialized domestic violence court advocate in
7 every court where a significant number of protective
8 orders are granted.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant
3 under this Act, a duly authorized representative of an eli-
4 gible entity shall submit an application to the Attorney
5 General in such form and containing such information as
6 the Attorney General may reasonably require.

7 (b) ASSURANCES.—Each application shall contain an
8 assurance that Federal funds received under this Act shall
9 be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds
10 that would otherwise be available under this Act.

11 (c) REQUIRED PLAN.—Each application shall include
12 a plan that contains—

13 (1) a description of the demonstration project
14 to be developed;

15 (2) a description of how funds would be spent;

16 (3) a statement of staff qualifications and dem-
17 onstrated expertise in the field of court advocacy for
18 domestic violence victims; and

19 (4) a statement regarding the ability to serve
20 community needs and language minority populations
21 in providing ethnically, culturally, and linguistically
22 appropriate programs where necessary.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

24 (a) GRANTEE REPORT.—Upon completion of the
25 grant period under this Act, each grantee shall file a per-
26 formance report with the Attorney General explaining the

1 activities carried out together with an assessment of the
2 effectiveness of such activities in achieving the purposes
3 of this Act. The Attorney General shall suspend funding
4 for an approved application if an applicant fails to submit
5 an annual performance report.

6 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than
7 180 days after the end of each fiscal year for which grants
8 are made under this Act, the Attorney General shall sub-
9 mit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a re-
10 port that includes, for each grantee—

11 (1) the amount of grants made under this Act;

12 (2) a summary of the purposes for which grants
13 were provided and an evaluation of progress; and

14 (3) an evaluation of the effectiveness of pro-
15 grams established with funds under this Act.

16 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act—

18 (1) the term “eligible entity” means a State
19 Attorney General’s office;

20 (2) the term “specialized domestic violence
21 court advocate” means an individual trained to as-
22 sist victims of domestic violence with the court sys-
23 tem, help with safety planning, and make referrals
24 to various support services; and

1 (3) the term “State” means the States and the
2 District of Columbia.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal
5 years 1995 through 1999, such sums as may be necessary
6 to carry out this Act.

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