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To establish the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of
Justice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself and Mrs. MORELLA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Department of Justice.

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 “Violence Against
5 Women Office Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

7 **OFFICE.**

8 (a) OFFICE.—There is hereby established within the
9 Department of Justice, under the general authority of the

1 Attorney General, a Violence Against Women Office (in
2 this Act referred to as the “Office”).

3 (b) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Di-
4 rector (in this Act referred to as the “Director”), who
5 shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice
6 and consent of the Senate. The Director shall report to
7 the Attorney General through the Associate Attorney Gen-
8 eral. The Director shall have final authority for all grants,
9 cooperative agreements, and contracts awarded by the Of-
10 fice. The Director shall not engage in any employment
11 other than that of serving as the Director, nor shall the
12 Director hold any office in, or act in any capacity for, any
13 organization, agency, or institution with which the Office
14 makes any contract or other arrangement under this Act.

15 **SEC. 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF VIO-**
16 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall have the fol-
18 lowing duties:

19 (1) Serving as special counsel to the Attorney
20 General on the subject of violence against women.

21 (2) Maintaining liaison with the judicial
22 branches of the Federal and State Governments on
23 matters relating to violence against women.

24 (3) Providing information to the President, the
25 Congress, the judiciary, State and local govern-

1 ments, and the general public on matters relating to
2 violence against women.

3 (4) Serving, at the request of the Attorney Gen-
4 eral or Associate Attorney General, as the represent-
5 ative of the Department of Justice on domestic task
6 forces, committees, or commissions addressing policy
7 or issues relating to violence against women.

8 (5) Serving, at the request of the President,
9 acting through the Attorney General, as the rep-
10 resentative of the United States Government on
11 human rights and economic justice matters related
12 to violence against women in international forums,
13 including, but not limited to, the United Nations.

14 (6) Carrying out the functions of the Depart-
15 ment of Justice under the Violence Against Women
16 Act of 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322) and
17 the amendments made by that Act, and other func-
18 tions of the Department of Justice on matters relat-
19 ing to violence against women, including with re-
20 spect to those functions—

21 (A) the development of policy, protocols,
22 and guidelines;

23 (B) the development and management of
24 grant programs and other programs, and the

1 provision of technical assistance under such
2 programs; and

3 (C) the award and termination of grants,
4 cooperative agreements, and contracts.

5 (7) Providing technical assistance, coordination,
6 and support to—

7 (A) other elements of the Department of
8 Justice, in efforts to develop policy and to en-
9 force Federal laws relating to violence against
10 women, including the litigation of civil and
11 criminal actions relating to enforcing such laws;

12 (B) other Federal, State, and tribal agen-
13 cies, in efforts to develop policy, provide tech-
14 nical assistance, and improve coordination
15 among agencies carrying out efforts to elimi-
16 nate violence against women, including Indian
17 or indigenous women; and

18 (C) grantees, in efforts to combat violence
19 against women and to provide support and as-
20 sistance to victims of such violence.

21 (8) Exercising such other powers and functions
22 as may be vested in the Director pursuant to this
23 Act or by delegation of the Attorney General or As-
24 sociate Attorney General.

1 (9) Establishing such rules, regulations, guide-
2 lines, and procedures as are necessary to carry out
3 any function of the Office.

4 **SEC. 4. STAFF OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE.**

5 The Attorney General shall ensure that the Director
6 has adequate staff to support the Director in carrying out
7 the Director's responsibilities under this Act.

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