

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-9
OFFERED BY MR. EMMER OF MINNESOTA

Page 32, after line 24, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SECTION 205. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-IN-**
2 **FORMED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

3 Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law En-
4 forcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“Subtitle Q—Trauma-informed**
7 **Training for Law Enforcement**

8 **“SEC. 41701. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-IN-**
9 **FORMED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘Attorney General’ means the At-
12 torney General, acting through the Director of the
13 Office on Violence Against Women;

14 “(2) the term ‘covered individual’ means an in-
15 dividual who interfaces with victims of domestic vio-
16 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,
17 including—

18 “(A) an individual working for or on behalf
19 of an eligible entity;

1 “(B) a school or university administrator;
2 and

3 “(C) an emergency services or medical em-
4 ployee;

5 “(3) the term ‘demonstration site’, with respect
6 to an eligible entity that receives a grant under this
7 section, means—

8 “(A) if the eligible entity is a law enforce-
9 ment agency described in paragraph (4)(A), the
10 area over which the eligible entity has jurisdic-
11 tion; and

12 “(B) if the eligible entity is an organiza-
13 tion or agency described in paragraph (4)(B),
14 the area over which a law enforcement agency
15 described in paragraph (4)(A) that is working
16 in collaboration with the eligible entity has ju-
17 risdiction; and

18 “(4) the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

19 “(A) a State, local, territorial, or Tribal
20 law enforcement agency; or

21 “(B) a national, regional, or local victim
22 services organization or agency working in col-
23 laboration with a law enforcement agency de-
24 scribed in subparagraph (A).

25 “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
2 award grants on a competitive basis to eligible enti-
3 ties to carry out the demonstration program under
4 this section by implementing evidence-based or
5 promising policies and practices to incorporate trau-
6 ma-informed techniques designed to—

7 “(A) prevent re-traumatization of the vic-
8 tim;

9 “(B) ensure that covered individuals use
10 evidence-based practices to respond to and in-
11 vestigate cases of domestic violence, dating vio-
12 lence, sexual assault, and stalking;

13 “(C) improve communication between vic-
14 tims and law enforcement officers in an effort
15 to increase the likelihood of the successful in-
16 vestigation and prosecution of the reported
17 crime in a manner that protects the victim to
18 the greatest extent possible;

19 “(D) increase collaboration among stake-
20 holders who are part of the coordinated commu-
21 nity response to domestic violence, dating vio-
22 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

23 “(E) evaluate the effectiveness of the
24 training process and content by measuring—

1 “(i) investigative and prosecutorial
2 practices and outcomes; and

3 “(ii) the well-being of victims and
4 their satisfaction with the criminal justice
5 process.

6 “(2) TERM.—The Attorney General shall make
7 grants under this section for each of the first 2 fis-
8 cal years beginning after the date of enactment of
9 this Act.

10 “(3) AWARD BASIS.—The Attorney General
11 shall award grants under this section to multiple eli-
12 gible entities for use in a variety of settings and
13 communities, including—

14 “(A) urban, suburban, Tribal, remote, and
15 rural areas;

16 “(B) college campuses; or

17 “(C) traditionally underserved commu-
18 nities.

19 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
20 a grant under this section shall use the grant to—

21 “(1) train covered individuals within the dem-
22 onstration site of the eligible entity to use evidence-
23 based, trauma-informed techniques and knowledge of
24 crime victims’ rights throughout an investigation

1 into domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
2 sault, or stalking, including by—

3 “(A) conducting victim interviews in a
4 manner that—

5 “(i) elicits valuable information about
6 the domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
7 ual assault, or stalking; and

8 “(ii) avoids re-traumatization of the
9 victim;

10 “(B) conducting field investigations that
11 mirror best and promising practices available at
12 the time of the investigation;

13 “(C) customizing investigative approaches
14 to ensure a culturally and linguistically appro-
15 priate approach to the community being served;

16 “(D) becoming proficient in understanding
17 and responding to complex cases, including
18 cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
19 ual assault, or stalking—

20 “(i) facilitated by alcohol or drugs;

21 “(ii) involving strangulation;

22 “(iii) committed by a non-stranger;

23 “(iv) committed by an individual of
24 the same sex as the victim;

1 “(v) involving a victim with a dis-
2 ability;

3 “(vi) involving a male victim; or

4 “(vii) involving a lesbian, gay, bisexual,
5 ual, or transgender (commonly referred to
6 as ‘LGBT’) victim;

7 “(E) developing collaborative relationships
8 between—

9 “(i) law enforcement officers and
10 other members of the response team; and

11 “(ii) the community being served; and

12 “(F) developing an understanding of how
13 to define, identify, and correctly classify a re-
14 port of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
15 ual assault, or stalking; and

16 “(2) promote the efforts of the eligible entity to
17 improve the response of covered individuals to do-
18 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
19 stalking through various communication channels,
20 such as the website of the eligible entity, social
21 media, print materials, and community meetings, in
22 order to ensure that all covered individuals within
23 the demonstration site of the eligible entity are
24 aware of those efforts and included in trainings, to
25 the extent practicable.

1 “(d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TRAININGS ON
2 TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES.—

3 “(1) IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING
4 TRAININGS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General
6 shall identify trainings for law enforcement offi-
7 cers, in existence as of the date on which the
8 Attorney General begins to solicit applications
9 for grants under this section, that—

10 “(i) employ a trauma-informed ap-
11 proach to domestic violence, dating vio-
12 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

13 “(ii) focus on the fundamentals of—

14 “(I) trauma responses; and

15 “(II) the impact of trauma on
16 victims of domestic violence, dating vi-
17 olence, sexual assault, and stalking.

18 “(B) SELECTION.—An eligible entity that
19 receives a grant under this section shall select
20 one or more of the approaches employed by a
21 training identified under subparagraph (A) to
22 test within the demonstration site of the eligible
23 entity.

24 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-
25 graph (1), the Attorney General shall consult with

1 the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime in
2 order to seek input from and cultivate consensus
3 among outside practitioners and other stakeholders
4 through facilitated discussions and focus groups on
5 best practices in the field of trauma-informed care
6 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
7 ual assault, and stalking.

8 “(e) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General, in con-
9 sultation with the Director of the National Institute of
10 Justice, shall require each eligible entity that receives a
11 grant under this section to identify a research partner,
12 preferably a local research partner, to—

13 “(1) design a system for generating and col-
14 lecting the appropriate data to facilitate an inde-
15 pendent process or impact evaluation of the use of
16 the grant funds;

17 “(2) periodically conduct an evaluation de-
18 scribed in paragraph (1); and

19 “(3) periodically make publicly available, during
20 the grant period—

21 “(A) preliminary results of the evaluations
22 conducted under paragraph (2); and

23 “(B) recommendations for improving the
24 use of the grant funds.

1 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The At-
2 torney General shall carry out this section using amounts
3 otherwise available to the Attorney General.

4 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
5 tion shall be construed to interfere with the due process
6 rights of any individual.”.

