

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 702. RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

2 **ACT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The term “Advisory
5 Council” means the Advisory Council to Support
6 Victims of Gun Violence established under sub-
7 section (b).

8 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—The term
9 “appropriate committees” means the following:

10 (A) The Committee on Health, Education,
11 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

12 (B) The Committee on the Judiciary of the
13 Senate.

14 (C) The Committee on Education and
15 Labor of the House of Representatives.

16 (D) The Committee on Energy and Com-
17 merce of the House of Representatives.

18 (E) The Committee on the Judiciary of the
19 House of Representatives.

1 (F) Any other relevant committee of the
2 Senate or of the House of Representatives with
3 jurisdiction over matters affecting victims of
4 gun violence.

5 (3) GUN VIOLENCE.—The term “gun violence”
6 means—

7 (A) suicide involving firearms;

8 (B) homicide involving firearms;

9 (C) domestic violence involving firearms;

10 (D) hate crimes involving firearms;

11 (E) youth violence involving firearms;

12 (F) mass shootings;

13 (G) unintentional shootings;

14 (H) non-fatal shootings; and

15 (I) threats or exposure to violent acts in-
16 volving firearms.

17 (4) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONAL.—The
18 term “victim assistance professional” means a pro-
19 fessional who assists victims of gun violence, includ-
20 ing—

21 (A) a medical professional, including an
22 emergency medical professional;

23 (B) a social worker;

24 (C) a provider of long-term services or
25 care; and

1 (D) a victim advocate.

2 (5) VICTIM OF GUN VIOLENCE.—The term “vic-
3 tim of gun violence” means—

4 (A) an individual who has been wounded
5 as a result of gun violence;

6 (B) an individual who has been threatened
7 with an act of gun violence;

8 (C) an individual who has witnessed an act
9 of gun violence; and

10 (D) a relative, classmate, coworker, or
11 other associate of—

12 (i) an individual who has been killed
13 as a result of gun violence; or

14 (ii) an individual described in sub-
15 paragraph (A) or (B).

16 (b) ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF
17 GUN VIOLENCE.—

18 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
19 Advisory Council to Support Victims of Gun Vio-
20 lence.

21 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council
23 shall be composed of the following members or
24 their designees:

1 (i) The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services.

3 (ii) The Attorney General.

4 (iii) The Secretary of Education.

5 (iv) The Commissioner of the Social
6 Security Administration.

7 (v) As appropriate, the head of any
8 other Federal department or agency identi-
9 fied by the Secretary of Health and
10 Human Services as having responsibilities,
11 or administering programs, relating to
12 issues affecting victims of gun violence.

13 (B) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—In addition
14 to the members described in subparagraph (A),
15 the Advisory Council shall be composed of the
16 following:

17 (i) Not fewer than 2 and not more
18 than 5 victims of gun violence, who shall
19 be appointed by the Secretary of Health
20 and Human Services.

21 (ii) Not fewer than 2 and not more
22 than 5 victim assistance professionals, who
23 shall be appointed by the Secretary of
24 Health and Human Services.

1 (C) LEAD AGENCY.—The Department of
2 Health and Human Services shall be the lead
3 agency for the Advisory Council.

4 (3) DUTIES.—

5 (A) ASSESSMENT.—The Advisory Council
6 shall—

7 (i) survey victims of gun violence and
8 victim assistance professionals about their
9 needs in order to inform the content of in-
10 formation disseminated under subpara-
11 graph (B) and the report published under
12 subparagraph (C);

13 (ii) conduct a literature review and as-
14 sess past or ongoing programs designed to
15 assist victims of gun violence or individuals
16 with similar needs to determine—

17 (I) the effectiveness of the pro-
18 grams; and

19 (II) best and promising practices
20 for assisting victims of gun violence;
21 and

22 (iii) assess the administration of com-
23 pensation funds established after mass
24 shootings to determine best and promising

1 practices to direct victims of gun violence
2 to sources of funding.

3 (B) INFORMATION.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory
5 Council shall identify, promote, coordinate,
6 and disseminate to the public information,
7 resources, and best and promising prac-
8 tices available to help victims of gun vio-
9 lence—

10 (I) meet their medical, financial,
11 educational, workplace, housing,
12 transportation, assistive technology,
13 and accessibility needs;

14 (II) maintain their mental health
15 and emotional well-being;

16 (III) seek legal redress for their
17 injuries and protection against any
18 ongoing threats to their safety; and

19 (IV) access government pro-
20 grams, services, and benefits for
21 which they may be eligible or to which
22 they may be entitled.

23 (ii) CONTACT INFORMATION.—The
24 Advisory Council shall include in the infor-
25 mation disseminated under clause (i) the

1 websites and telephone contact information
2 for helplines of relevant Federal agencies,
3 State agencies, and nonprofit organiza-
4 tions.

5 (iii) AVAILABILITY.—The Advisory
6 Council shall make the information de-
7 scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B)
8 available—

9 (I) online through a public
10 website; and

11 (II) by submitting a hard copy
12 and making available additional hard
13 copies to—

14 (aa) each Member of Con-
15 gress;

16 (bb) each field office of the
17 Social Security Administration;

18 (cc) each State agency that
19 is responsible for administering
20 health and human services, for
21 dissemination to medical facili-
22 ties;

23 (dd) each State agency that
24 is responsible for administering

1 education programs, for dissemi-
2 nation to schools; and

3 (ee) the office of each State
4 attorney general, for dissemina-
5 tion to local prosecutor's offices.

6 (C) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
8 visory Council shall—

9 (i) prepare a report that—

10 (I) includes the best and prom-
11 ising practices, resources, and other
12 useful information for victims of gun
13 violence identified under subpara-
14 graph (B);

15 (II) identifies any gaps in items
16 described in subclause (I); and

17 (III) if applicable, identifies any
18 additional Federal or State legislative
19 authority necessary to implement the
20 activities described in subclause (I) or
21 address the gaps described in sub-
22 clause (II);

23 (ii) submit the report prepared under
24 clause (i) to—

25 (I) the appropriate committees;

1 (II) each State agency that is re-
2 sponsible for administering health and
3 human services;

4 (III) each State agency that is
5 responsible for administering edu-
6 cation programs; and

7 (IV) the office of each State at-
8 torney general; and

9 (iii) make the report prepared under
10 clause (i) available to the public online in
11 an accessible format.

12 (D) PUBLIC INPUT.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory
14 Council shall establish a process to collect
15 public input to inform the development of,
16 and provide updates to, the best and prom-
17 ising practices, resources, and other infor-
18 mation described in subparagraph (B), in-
19 cluding by conducting outreach to entities
20 and individuals described in (clause ii) of
21 this paragraph that—

22 (I) have a range of experience
23 with the types of gun violence de-
24 scribed in subsection (a); and

1 (II) include representation from
2 communities disproportionately af-
3 fected by gun violence.

4 (ii) ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS.—
5 The entities and individuals described in
6 this subparagraph are—

7 (I) States, local governments,
8 and organizations that provide infor-
9 mation to, or support for, victims of
10 gun violence;

11 (II) victims of gun violence; and

12 (III) victim assistance profes-
13 sionals.

14 (iii) NATURE OF OUTREACH.—In con-
15 ducting outreach under clause (i), the Ad-
16 visory Council shall ask for input on—

17 (I) information, resources, and
18 best and promising practices available,
19 including identification of any gaps
20 and unmet needs;

21 (II) recommendations that would
22 help victims of gun violence—

23 (aa) better meet their med-
24 ical, financial, educational, work-
25 place, housing, transportation,

1 assistive technology, and accessi-
2 bility needs;

3 (bb) maintain their mental
4 health and emotional well-being;

5 (cc) seek legal redress for
6 their injuries and protection
7 against any ongoing threats to
8 their safety; and

9 (dd) access government pro-
10 grams, services, and benefits for
11 which the victims may be eligible
12 or to which the victims may be
13 entitled; and

14 (III) any other subject areas dis-
15 covered during the process that would
16 help victims of gun violence.

17 (4) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee
18 Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Advisory
19 Council.

20 (5) FUNDING.—No additional funds are author-
21 ized to be appropriated to carry out this Act.

22 (6) SUNSET.—The Advisory Council shall ter-
23 minate on the date that is 5 years after the date of
24 establishment of the Advisory Council.

