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To establish the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To establish the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, and
for other purposes.

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 “Office of Gun Violence
5 Prevention Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **ADVISORY COUNCIL.**—The term “Advisory
9 Council” means the advisory council established
10 under section 3(e)(1).

11 (2) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “Director” means
12 the Director of the Office.

13 (3) **GUN VIOLENCE.**—The term “gun violence”
14 includes homicide, violent crime, domestic violence,
15 attempted suicide, suicide, and unintentional death
16 or injury involving a firearm.

17 (4) **OFFICE.**—The term “Office” means the Of-
18 fice of Gun Violence Prevention established under
19 section 3(a).

20 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

21 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
2 establish within the Office of Legal Policy of the De-
3 partment of Justice the Office of Gun Violence Pre-
4 vention.

5 (2) DIRECTOR.—The Attorney General shall
6 appoint a Director to be the head of the Office.

7 (b) DUTIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in consulta-
9 tion with the Advisory Council, shall coordinate, in-
10 tegrate, and maximize the efficacy of each responsi-
11 bility, program, and service relating to gun violence
12 prevention administered by the Attorney General to
13 maximize an integrated approach to reducing gun vi-
14 olence and serving victims of gun violence, includ-
15 ing—

16 (A) the responsibilities of the heads of the
17 Criminal and Civil Divisions of the Department
18 of Justice, the Director of the Office of Com-
19 munity Oriented Policing Services, each United
20 States Attorney, Director of the Bureau of Al-
21 cohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the
22 Director of the Office on Violence Against
23 Women, the Director of the Office of Victims of
24 Crime, and the Director of the Office of Justice
25 Programs; and

1 (B) the administration of the national in-
2 stant criminal background check system estab-
3 lished under section 103 of the Brady Handgun
4 Violence Prevention Act (34 U.S.C. 40901).

5 (2) EVALUATION.—The Director, in consulta-
6 tion with the Advisory Council, shall evaluate laws,
7 regulations, Federal programs, offices, data sources,
8 and grant programs relating to gun violence preven-
9 tion administered by the Attorney General to assess
10 how each such law, regulation, Federal program, of-
11 fice, data source, and grant program can be maxi-
12 mized, modernized, and coordinated to reduce gun
13 violence.

14 (3) POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Director
15 shall recommend to Congress and the President leg-
16 islative and executive policy options to promote evi-
17 dence-based gun violence prevention strategies, in-
18 cluding the implementation of existing laws, regula-
19 tions, and grant programs.

20 (4) DATA.—The Director, in consultation with
21 the Advisory Council, shall—

22 (A) identify gaps in available data needed
23 for gun violence prevention research, policy de-
24 velopment, and the implementation of evidence-
25 based gun violence prevention strategies; and

1 (B) develop a plan to collect and analyze
2 the data described in subparagraph (A).

3 (5) ASSESSMENT.—The Director, in consulta-
4 tion with the Advisory Council, shall assess ongoing
5 research efforts of the Department of Justice relat-
6 ing to gun violence to establish a comprehensive re-
7 search agenda on the causes and solutions of gun vi-
8 olence.

9 (6) EDUCATION.—The Director, in consultation
10 with the Advisory Council, shall educate the general
11 public about Federal laws, regulations, and grant
12 programs relating to gun violence prevention, includ-
13 ing by conducting education and awareness cam-
14 paigns—

15 (A) directed at—

16 (i) owners of firearms;

17 (ii) parents and legal guardians of mi-
18 nors; and

19 (iii) professionals who provide services
20 to individuals and communities dispropor-
21 tionately impacted by gun violence; and

22 (B) that include education relating to the
23 secure storage of firearms and suicide preven-
24 tion.

1 (7) CRISIS RESPONSE.—The Director, in con-
2 sultation with the Advisory Council, shall assist com-
3 munities that have experienced gun violence (such as
4 a mass shooting, a school shooting, a gang-related
5 shooting, a domestic violence shooting) with crisis
6 response activities, including providing information
7 about and increasing access to—

8 (A) mental health services for members of
9 the community;

10 (B) anti-gun trafficking activities;

11 (C) crisis response training for first re-
12 sponders and offices of gun violence prevention
13 serving the community; and

14 (D) suicide prevention services for mem-
15 bers of the community.

16 (8) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the duties
17 under this subsection, the Director shall coordinate
18 with Federal agencies and commissions that have ju-
19 risdiction over gun violence prevention, including—

20 (A) the Department of Health and Human
21 Services;

22 (B) the Department of Veterans Affairs;

23 (C) the Department of Education;

24 (D) the Department of Housing and
25 Urban Development;

- 1 (E) the Department of Commerce;
2 (F) the Department of Homeland Security;
3 (G) the Department of Defense;
4 (H) the Department of the Interior;
5 (I) the Department of Labor;
6 (J) the Department of Agriculture;
7 (K) the Small Business Administration;
8 (L) the Consumer Product Safety Commis-
9 sion;
10 (M) the Federal Trade Commission; and
11 (N) the United States Sentencing Commis-
12 sion.

13 (9) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
15 thereafter, the Director shall submit to Congress a
16 report that includes—

17 (A) information on the state of gun vio-
18 lence in the United States;

19 (B) recommendations for policy initiatives
20 and legislation to reduce gun violence in the
21 United States; and

22 (C) a description of the efforts of the Di-
23 rector to carry out the duties under this sub-
24 section.

25 (c) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less
3 frequently than quarterly thereafter, the Attorney
4 General shall convene an advisory council—

5 (A) chaired by the Director; and

6 (B) the membership of which includes the
7 following individuals or a designee of the indi-
8 vidual:

9 (i) The Deputy Attorney General.

10 (ii) The Associate Attorney General.

11 (iii) The Assistant Attorney General
12 for the Office of Legal Policy.

13 (iv) The Assistant Attorney General
14 for the Office of Justice Programs.

15 (v) The Assistant Attorney General
16 for the Criminal Division.

17 (vi) The Director of the Bureau of Al-
18 cohool, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

19 (vii) The Director of the Federal Bu-
20 reau of Investigation.

21 (viii) The Director of the Bureau of
22 Justice Assistance.

23 (ix) The Director of the Office on Vio-
24 lence Against Women.

1 (x) The Director of the Office of Vic-
2 tims of Crime.

3 (xi) The Director of the Bureau of
4 Justice Statistics.

5 (xii) The Director of the National In-
6 stitute of Justice.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall
9 make every reasonable effort to include as
10 members of the Advisory Council not fewer
11 than 12 additional individuals.

12 (B) REPRESENTATIVES.—The additional
13 members described in subparagraph (A) shall
14 include not fewer than 1—

15 (i) survivor of gun violence;

16 (ii) community violence intervention
17 service provider;

18 (iii) public health official;

19 (iv) medical professional who provides
20 trauma care;

21 (v) mental health clinician;

22 (vi) official from a department of jus-
23 tice of a State;

24 (vii) State or local public health de-
25 partment official;

- 1 (viii) teacher;
2 (ix) member of a student group; and
3 (x) veteran.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
6 essary to carry out this section.

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