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S. 4888

To require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to maintain and expand a program on child sexual abuse prevention.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2026

Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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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 “Preventing Risk and
5 Exploitation through Validated Education and Network-
6 based Training Act” or the “PREVENT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION.**

2 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317V
4 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–24) the following:

5 **“SEC. 317W. PROGRAM ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVEN-**
6 **TION.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
8 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
9 vention, shall maintain and expand a program on child
10 sexual abuse prevention.

11 “(b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—The program under
12 subsection (a) shall—

13 “(1) identify gaps in research and practice that
14 are important to address in the efforts of the Fed-
15 eral Government to promote primary prevention of
16 child sexual abuse; and

17 “(2) address such gaps and improve such re-
18 search and practice, including by—

19 “(A) improving surveillance systems and
20 data collection for monitoring child sexual
21 abuse, including technology-facilitated child sex-
22 ual abuse;

23 “(B) increasing understanding of risk and
24 protective factors for child sexual abuse per-
25 petration and victimization;

1 “(C) strengthening existing, and devel-
2 oping new, evidence-based policies, programs,
3 and practices for the primary prevention of
4 child sexual abuse;

5 “(D) increasing dissemination and imple-
6 mentation of evidence-based strategies for child
7 sexual abuse prevention; and

8 “(E) increasing understanding of the rise
9 in technology-facilitated child sexual abuse and
10 development of evidence-based strategies to ad-
11 dress such abuse.

12 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
13 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
14 priated \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through
15 2031.”.

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