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To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to establish a national training and technical assistance center to provide for the ongoing promotion and adoption of a lethality assessment programs to reduce domestic violence-related homicides, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ELFRETH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 The Act may be cited as the “Preventing Domestic
5 Violence Homicides Through Lethality Assessment Train-
6 ing and Technical Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM RE-**
2 **SOURCE CENTER GRANT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make
4 an award to one or more nonprofit or tribal organizations
5 to establish a national training and technical assistance
6 center to promote and support the adoption of lethality
7 assessment programs by States, units of local government,
8 and Indian Tribes.

9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
10 under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate national
11 experience in developing, implementing, evaluating, and
12 disseminating a lethality assessment program for the pur-
13 pose of reducing domestic violence-related homicides.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each fiscal
16 year beginning in fiscal year 2026, to remain available
17 until expended.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “lethality assessment program”
20 means a program that—

21 (A) rapidly connects a victim of domestic
22 violence to local community-based victim service
23 providers;

24 (B) helps first responders, such as law en-
25 forcement agencies, identify and respond to do-

1 mestic violence situations that may result in
2 death; and

3 (C) identifies victims of domestic violence
4 who are at high risk of being seriously injured
5 or killed by an intimate partner through evi-
6 dence-based tools that are validated for the
7 community.

8 (2) The terms have the meanings given such
9 terms in section 40002 of the Violence Against
10 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).