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Total Pages (excluding this cover): 3

Additional Message: Per our discussion, the comments solicitation and Barbara's e-mail to me on the harboring issue are attached. I'll be in touch as this nears final.
LRJ

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were received by the Disability Rights Section.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 15, 1997.

Written comments and/or suggestions are requested from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Office, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Office, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to (202) 514-1534.

The information collection is listed below:

(1) Type of information collection. New Collection.

(2) The title of the form/collection. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Discrimination Complaint Form.

(3) The agency form number and applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. No form number. Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals alleging

discrimination by public entities based on disability. Under title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, an individual who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability by a public entity may, by himself or herself or by an authorized representative, file a complaint. Any Federal agency that receives a complaint of discrimination by public entity is required to review the complaint to determine whether it has jurisdiction under section 504. If the agency does not have jurisdiction, it must determine whether it is the designated agency responsible for complaints filed against that public entity. If the agency does not have jurisdiction under section 504 and is not the designated agency, it must refer the complaint to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice then must refer the complaint to the appropriate agency.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 5,000 respondents per year at 0.75 hours per complaint form.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 3,750 hours annual burden.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(AG Order No. 2115-87)

Request for Comments on the Attorney General's Specification of Community Programs Necessary for the Protection of Life or Safety Under the Welfare Reform Act

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 vests in the Attorney General the authority to specify non-means-tested, government-funded

community programs, services, or assistance that are necessary for the protection of life or safety and for which all aliens remain eligible. On August 23, 1996, the Attorney General issued an Order implementing that authority, and making a "provisional specification." Before the provisional specification is finalized, the Department is publishing this Notice to solicit the input of federal, state, and local agencies operating programs or providing services or assistance that may be covered by that Order.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to: Wendy L. Patten, Counsel, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy L. Patten, Counsel, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20530, (202) 514-

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 1996, the President signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (the Act), which vests in the Attorney General the authority to specify non-means-tested, government-funded community programs, services, or assistance that are necessary for the protection of life or safety and for which all aliens remain eligible. Pursuant to the Act, on August 23, 1996, the Attorney General issued an Order (AG Order No. 2049-96) (Order) implementing that authority, and making a "provisional specification" of such programs. This Order was published on August 30, 1996 at 61 FR 45985.

Under §§ 401 and 411 of the Act, aliens who are not "qualified aliens" (as defined in § 431 of the Act are ineligible for federal, state, and local public benefits.¹ However, there are a number of specified exceptions to these restrictions.² Included within this list of

¹ The term "federal public benefit" is defined to include "any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States." (Section 401(c)(1)(A)). The definition of state public benefit is identical to the federal benefit definition except that it refers to benefits provided by agencies of state or local governments or by appropriated funds of state or local governments. (Section 411(c)(1)(A)).

² In addition to the exception that is the subject of the Attorney General Order of August 23, 1996, there are a number of other categories of federal, state, and local public benefits that Congress expressly made available to other non-qualified aliens. These public benefits include specified types of emergency medical treatment and emergency disaster relief, along with other benefits

statutory exceptions is a provision authorizing the Attorney General to establish additional exceptions for certain types of programs, services, and assistance. The programs, services, and assistance that the Attorney General specifies are limited to those which (1) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private nonprofit agencies; (2) do not condition the provision of assistance; the amount of assistance provided, or the cost of assistance, is based on the individual recipient's income or resources; and (3) are necessary for the protection of life or safety. (Sections 401(b)(1)(D) and 411(b)(4)).

The Department intends to publish an Order finalizing the implementation of that authority. Before it does so, the Department is publishing this Notice to solicit the input of federal, state, and agencies operating programs or providing services or assistance that be covered by the final Order. Responses to this solicitation will assist the Department in reaching a final determination regarding the types of programs, services, or assistance that should be covered by that Order. After reviewing any comments and consulting with other agencies, the Attorney General then will issue a final specification of programs, services, and assistance for which all persons remain eligible, regardless of immigration status.

If you believe that any program or programs you administer have been or may be affected by the Attorney General Order, the Department would appreciate receiving your comments. In your comments, please give the citations of any applicable federal, state, or local statutes or regulations that govern the creation, operation, or scope of your affected programs. Please also give a brief description of the structure of the program(s), your agency's view of whether the program, service, or assistance falls within the purview of the Attorney General Order, and any arguments to support that interpretation.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS No. 1872-97)

Pilot Programs for Employment Eligibility Confirmation

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice prescribes guidelines under which employers may elect to participate in one or more of three pilot programs for employment eligibility confirmation to be conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) with the involvement of the Social Security Administration (SSA). This notice also requests comments from employers and other interested parties on the pilots. The Commissioner of the Service invites employers in states where the three pilot programs for employment eligibility confirmation will be conducted to contact the Service to elect to participate in one or more of them. The pilot programs build on the experience of the Service and SSA over the last 5 years in developing and operating employment verification pilot programs with the goal of enabling participating employers to verify their newly hired employees' work eligibility quickly, easily, and accurately.

DATES: There is no deadline for submission of election forms to participate in an employment verification pilot program(s), but interested employers should send their completed election forms to the Service as soon as possible to maximize their opportunity to participate.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your election forms, requests for information and any comments you may have on the pilot programs to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., ULLICO Building, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20536, Attention: SAVE Program Branch—Election Forms and/or Comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Nahan, Immigration and Naturalization Service, SAVE Program, 425 I Street, NW., ULLICO Building, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-2317.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Statutory Authority

Title IV, Subtitle A of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, enacted on September 30, 1996, provides that all

United States employers, subject to eligibility for participation, geographical limitations, and limitations of available Service and SSA resources, may elect to participate in one or more of three employment verification pilot programs to be conducted by the Service. The three pilot programs are: (1) the Basic Pilot; (2) the Citizen Attestation Pilot; and (3) the Machine-Readable Document Pilot.

II. Purpose

The purpose of these pilot programs is to implement IIRIRA's mandate to test three methods of providing an effective, nondiscriminatory work eligibility verification procedure focusing on electronic verification. Through an automated confirmation system, employers will match information provided by employees on the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, against existing information contained in SSA's or the Service's databases to confirm that an individual is eligible to work.

III. General Description of the Pilot Programs for Employment Eligibility Confirmation

The IIRIRA requires the Service to conduct three distinct pilot programs, each of which can last no longer than 4 years, unless otherwise directed by Congress. The programs include: (1) the Basic Pilot; (2) the Citizen Attestation Pilot; and (3) the Machine-Readable Document Pilot. Participation in the pilots will be voluntary on the part of employers, except with regard to the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government and certain employers found to be in violation of sections 274A(e)(4) or 274B(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., in states where the pilots are being conducted. Although the decision for an employer to participate is voluntary, verification may not be selective; all employees subject to verification under the terms of a pilot program must be verified by an employer participating in that pilot.

A. Mandatory Elections

1. Federal Government Participation

Certain Federal Government entities are required by Section 402(e) of IIRIRA to elect to participate in at least one of the three pilot programs. The Secretary of each department of the executive branch is required to make an election of one or more of the pilot programs, but may limit the election to hiring in those states or geographic areas covered by the pilot(s) selected, and to specified divisions within the department, as long

as set forth in § 401(b) and § 411(b) of the Act, as amended by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-33 (1997).

Jacobs Lisalyn

From: Strack Barbara L
 Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 1999 3:22 PM
 To: Jacobs Lisalyn
 Subject: Re: The Harboring Act

The post-public charge world is a good place to be, although we are now in the public charge-implementation world, and as Lisa Graves can tell you, that presents its own challenges!

The only time I recall this harboring/AG order issue coming up was in connection w/the letter you reference that Wendy Patten handled. As I recall, a homeless shelter in FL had begun screening folks for immigration status, then ran into protests and stopped, and then wrote to the AG looking for cover saying that they had been right to screen all along. Of course I can't put my hand on the response, which was really good. I think it made 2 points: 1) what does it mean to "know", and 2) harboring prosecutions always involve some "plus" factor, not merely providing a bed overnight.

On the broader issue, neither INS nor the Administration has come up w/a definition of what it means to "know" that someone is illegal for reporting purposes under Sec. 404 of IIRIRA. INS has come around to the view that such a definition is not really our job -- Sec. 404 puts the burden on the reporting agencies, not us. Nonetheless, since there is a general Administration interest in not having lots of mistaken reporting, INS, SSA, HUD, and HHS have discussed issuing a joint notice in the Fed. Reg. on Sec. 404. (I've never heard of such a joint agency notice before, but I've been assured that it can be done.) The notice would say something like: you [the benefit administrator] "know" that someone is illegal when you must make a determination of illegal status as a necessary element of making the substantive benefit eligibility determination; unless and until then, you have nothing to report to INS per Sec. 404.

The backdrop to this notice would be that none of the 3 agencies -- HHS for TANF, SSA for SSI, or HUD -- think that providers actually MAKE determinations of illegality as a necessary part of the eligibility process.

Hope this is useful.

Reply Separator

Subject: The Harboring Act
 Author: Lisalyn Jacobs at wtgate
 Date: 6/9/99 2:32 PM

Barbara:

How goes life in the post-public charge world?

I don't know whether issues re the Harboring Act and its intersection with the AG Order re services necessary for the protection of life and safety have ever crossed your radar screen, but I thought you'd be a good place to start.

At one point Wendy Patten had gotten an inquiry from a shelter provider who was concerned that despite the mandate of the AG's Order, they might be prosecuted for providing services to undocumented aliens. I haven't looked at the Harboring Act in eons, but believe it might bar harboring folks "known" to be here illegally. I know that the administration

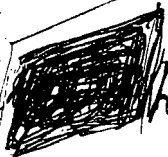
~~AG order~~

AG order - Lisa Jacobs - 7/8/99

① Update

- Set out for notice comment - will fax
- Finalize at DOJ - proposed final - OLC will review - focusing on now - timing unclear?
- Try to respond letters comments

② Shelter

- Harboring Act - can be  harbor anyone is illegal complicated matters
- AG order - would state "shelters"
- Issue - is this that mandatory or voluntary - OLC is concern
Still can
Absent any legislation.

Next Steps

- will fax AG order
- We will talk to Wendy Patten
- Followup after sign out Harboring Act

Ed Correia
how did it come out: 62024

Wendy Patten

Letter - include DOT
Deferred to other statutes

Sue Meland - 708 2701 x6909

Sue. bruh@GMAIL.COM

Lisa Jacobs - AG - ~~305-9134~~

James Castello

Allison 4

Josée Harding - (DOT)

~~Need~~ Need to do some homework. But probably not

~~Disability bill~~ Disability bill - HIV + US citizens - Lott did not
like

HHS -

Michael ^{FF} HHS Secretary Robinson - Dr. Sch

(24-5128 - Set Fox)

Shirley

312.435-5521

Leslye - end of budget year such

Kathleen -

Kathy

EO

~~Steve 54935~~

Mark T. next week. 213-738-2273

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mtajma@EO.LA.CA.US

~~Steven 690-6625~~

\$M see acct - detention

ELOR - See

Weak with DOJ/INS - object strongly.

- Mary Bourdette - GIS

- Urban list alert #

~~Postcard~~

~~How closely~~

~~Or stand~~

- Participate in briefing

- Confidential Law policy -

- What we write -

Shelter Meeting

Issues – need to clarify that HUD short-term shelters are shelter grants for emergency and transitional housing.

- Does this include all HUD grants for shelters?
- What about HHS grants?
- what the enforcement mechanism?
 - AG Order – special conditions that require compliance with the AG order
 - Existing disallowances in grant programs
- How do you clarify in a letter or perhaps in the final AG order?
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DOJ

- Lisa Jacobs 305-9134
- Wendy Patten 616-8894

HUD

- Sue Ireland 708-2701

Shelter Meeting

DOJ

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HUD

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(C) An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of such Act.

(2) **VETERAN AND ACTIVE DUTY EXCEPTION.**—An alien who is lawfully residing in any State and is—

(A) a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) with a discharge characterized as an honorable discharge and not on account of alienage,

(B) on active duty (other than active duty for training) in the Armed Forces of the United States, or

(C) the spouse or unmarried dependent child of an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

APPLICATION OF TERM FEDERAL MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC FIT.—

(1) The limitation under subsection (a) shall not apply to assistance or benefits under paragraph (2).

(2) Assistance and benefits under this paragraph are as follows:

(A) Medical assistance described in section 401(b)(1)(A).

(B) Short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief.

(C) Assistance or benefits under the National School Lunch Act.

(D) Assistance or benefits under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

(E) Public health assistance (not including any assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act) for immunizations with respect to immunizable diseases and for testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases whether or not such symptoms are caused by a communicable disease.

(F) Payments for foster care and adoption assistance under parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act for a parent or a child who would, in the absence of subsection (a), be eligible to have such payments made on the child's behalf under such part, but only if the foster or adoptive parent (or parents) of such child is a qualified alien (as defined in section 431).

(G) Programs, services, or assistance (such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and intervention, and short-term shelter) specified by the Attorney General, in the Attorney General's sole and unreviewable discretion after consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and departments, which (i) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private nonprofit agencies; (ii) do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or the cost of assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources; and (iii) are necessary for the protection of life or safety.

(H) Programs of student assistance under titles IV, V, IX, and X of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act.

(I) Means-tested programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(J) Benefits under the Head Start Act.

(K) Benefits under the Job Training Partnership Act.

(d) **SPECIAL RULE FOR REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE FOR CUBAN AND HAITIAN ENTRANTS.**—The limitation under subsection

(a) shall not apply to refugee and entrant assistance activities, authorized by title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, for Cuban and Haitian entrants as defined in section 501(e)(2) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980.

SEC. 404. NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION REPORTING.

(a) **NOTIFICATION.**—Each Federal agency that administers a program to which section 401, 402, or 403 applies shall, directly or through the States, post information and provide general notification to the public and to program recipients of the changes regarding eligibility for any such program pursuant to this subtitle.

(b) **INFORMATION REPORTING UNDER TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.**—Part A of title IV of the Social Security Act is amended by inserting the following new section after section 411:

"SEC. 411A. STATE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION.

"Each State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, furnish the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the State knows is unlawfully in the United States."

(c) **SSI.**—Section 1631(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the paragraphs (6) and (7) inserted by sections 206(d)(2) and 206(f)(1) of the Social Security Independence and Programs Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-296; 108 Stat. 1514, 1515) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (hereafter in this paragraph referred to as the 'Service'), furnish the Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the Commissioner knows is unlawfully in the United States, and shall ensure that each agreement entered into under section 1616(a) with a State provides that the State shall furnish such information at such times with respect to any individual who the State knows is unlawfully in the United States."

(d) **INFORMATION REPORTING FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS.**—Title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 27. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (hereafter in this section referred to as the 'Service'), furnish the Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the Sec-

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)

[AG Order No. 2049-96]

Specification of Community Programs Necessary for Protection of Life or
Safety Under Welfare Reform Legislation

61 FR 45985

DATE: Friday, August 30, 1996

ACTION: Notice.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: August 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO PROVIDE COMMENT CONTACT: Lisalyn R. Jacobs,
Counsel, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice, 10th Street &
Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, telephone (202) 514-9114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
Reconciliation Act of 1996, H.R. 3734, which the President signed on August 22,
1996, vests in the Attorney General the authority to designate the kinds of
government-funded community programs, services or assistance that are necessary
for protection of life or safety and for which all aliens will continue to be
eligible. This Order implements that authority.

Background

Section 401 provides a new rule that an alien who is not a "qualified alien,"
as defined in @ 431 of the Act, is not eligible for any "Federal public
benefit"-which, in general, means

(a) any grant, contract, loan, professional license or commercial license
provided by a federal agency or through appropriated federal funds; or

(b) any retirement, welfare, health, disability, public or assisted housing,
post-secondary education, food assistance, unemployment benefit or any other
similar benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to individuals,
house-holds or families by a federal agency or through appropriated federal
funds.

Section 411 also makes certain non-qualified aliens ineligible for state and
local public benefits unless the state enacts new legislation after August 22,

1996 that affirmatively provides for such eligibility. In addition, @ 403 of the Act makes qualified aliens ineligible for specific means-tested federal benefit programs for a five-year period after their entry into the United States as a qualified alien.

In addition to certain statutory exceptions, the Act authorizes the Attorney General to establish limited exceptions to these provisions for the following kinds of benefits:

Programs, services, or assistance (such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and intervention, and short-term shelter) specified by the Attorney General, in the Attorney General's sole and unreviewable discretion after consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and departments, which (i) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private nonprofit agencies; (ii) do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or the cost of assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources; and (iii) are necessary for the protection of life or safety.

This authority appears in several places in the Act, including: @ 401(b)(1)(D), with respect to federal public benefits; @ 403(c)(2)(G), with respect to the five-year limited eligibility for federal means-tested public benefits; and @ 411(b)(4), with respect to state and local public benefits. (This authority also appears in @ 423(d)(7) in the context of new requirements with regard to individuals who execute an affidavit of support on behalf of a sponsored alien.)

Attorney General Review

As required by the statute, the Department of Justice has conducted preliminary consultations with other federal agencies regarding the scope and interpretation of these provisions and their proper application. Given the great variety of federal, state and local programs conducted or supported at the community level, including those administered by private non-profit organizations, and the limited time available, the Department's consultation process is still ongoing. At my direction, the Department is seeking additional, more specific recommendations from all appropriate federal agencies, from representatives of state and local governments, and from the public.

Given the immediate effective date of provisions of the Act, I have decided to provide a "provisional specification" of programs, services and assistance that will be exempt from the limitations on alien eligibility discussed above, based upon preliminary consultations with appropriate federal agencies and departments. This "provisional specification" is effective immediately and will continue in effect pending adoption of a revised specification, if necessary, after further consultations. Should ongoing consultations indicate that further refinements in this specification are appropriate under the Act, I will revise it accordingly.

Specification

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Attorney General by law, including Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, I hereby specify that:

1. I do not construe the Act to preclude aliens from receiving police, fire, ambulance, transportation (including paratransit), sanitation, and other regular, widely available services and, for that reason, I am not making specifications of such programs, services or assistance. It is not the purpose of this Order, however, to define more specifically the scope of the public benefits that Congress intended to deny certain aliens either altogether or absent my specification and nothing herein should be so construed.

2. The government-funded programs, services or assistance specified in this Order are those that: deliver in-kind (non-cash) services at the community level, including through public or private non-profit agencies or organizations; serve purposes of the type described in paragraph 3, below, for the protection of life and safety; and do not condition the assistance according to the individual recipient's income or resources, as discussed in paragraph 4, below.

3. Included within the specified programs, services or assistance determined to be necessary for the protection of life and safety are:

(a) Crisis counseling and intervention programs, services and assistance relating to child protection, adult protective services, violence and abuse prevention, victims of domestic violence or other criminal activity, or treatment of mental illness or substance abuse;

(b) Short-term shelter or housing assistance for the homeless, for victims of domestic violence, or for runaway, abused or abandoned children;

(c) Programs, services or assistance to help individuals during periods of heat, cold, or other adverse weather conditions;

(d) Soup kitchens, community food banks, senior nutrition programs such as meals on wheels, and other such community nutritional services for persons requiring special assistance;

(e) Medical and public health services (including treatment and prevention of diseases and injuries) and mental health, disability or substance abuse assistance necessary to protect life or safety;

(f) Activities designed to protect the life and safety of workers, children and youths, or community residents; and

(g) Any other programs, services, or assistance necessary for the protection of life or safety.

4. The community-based programs, services or assistance specified in [*45986] paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Order are limited to those that provide in-kind (non-cash) benefits and are open to individuals needing or desiring to participate without regard to income or resources. Programs, services or assistance delivered at the community level, even if they serve purposes of the type described in paragraph 3 above, are not within this specification if they condition (a) the provision of assistance, (b) the amount of assistance provided, or (c) the cost of the assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources.

Dated: August 23, 1996.

61 FR 45985, *45986

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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What is it?
Crime Bill

Strategy?
Timing -

UAWA II / Battled Commog

- POTUS Crime bill includes reauthorization of VAWA programs. Provisions ~~not~~ include a number of provisions that are contained in the various ~~the~~ VAWA bills that already have been introduced. ~~Bill also~~
- We expect that the Crime bill will be introduced very soon.
- Bill also contains provisions that addresses ~~the~~ battered immigrants and their children.

§ 5008
Immig. Status (2) Abusers immigration status can only help a VAWA self-petitioner

GMC (2) Allows AG to make a finding of good moral character + waive inadmissibility or removal for VAWA self-petitioner + suspension/cancellations of removal ~~not~~ notwithstanding a disqualifying crime conviction if connection made between crime + battery or ~~sexual~~ cruelty.

Bigamy (2) Extends self-petitioning + cancellation of removal to spouses of bigamist if they were unaware (this can be disavowed by affidavit when required).

Armed Forces & State Dept. (2) Extends ~~self~~ to spouses + children of the members of US Armed Forces + State Dept. employees living abroad. Also allows adjustment in the U.S. - 245(i)

Reopen (2) Allow AG to reopen a removal proceeding if based on ~~the~~ VAWA application + show exigent circumstances for not being

Physical Presence (2) Exception for the stop-time rule + physical presence requirement if connected to battery or ~~sexual~~ cruelty.

Sons + Daughters (2) No Army-Out Extends to ~~sons~~ ^{kids} over 21 if abuse occurred before 21.

Legal Services

allows agencies that receive funds from LSC to use ⁽¹⁾ non-LSC/fed funds to represent battered women regardless of many states & (2) use LSC funds to represent many ~~highly vulnerable~~ self-petitioners

Reports

Report to Congress on processing times & whether INS is putting BI into removal proceeding so they have an opportunity to apply for susp. or deport or encl. of removal

AOS

⊗ Ensure BI w/ old AOS receive same exemption as those w/ new AOS ~~under welfare~~

helps VAWA applicants ⊗

TRAFFICKING PROVISIONS

- addressing the problem of ~~of~~ preventing trafficking

(1) by ~~making it a crime to exploit~~ making it a crime to ~~exploit~~ worker exploitation crime

(a) who ~~exploits~~ employs, recruits, harbors etc. by any means any person to ~~unlawful~~ labor conditions

(b) ~~body~~ ~~body~~ 10 yrs fine

(2) Directing the Secretary Commission to review the current guidelines & making sure the convictions are strict enough

(3) Create a new ~~new~~ non-immigrant category for victims of W.E. If they can ^{meet} certain requirements.

- has info

- willing to ~~cooperate~~ provide info

- person is helped to immigrate

- Suffered severe ~~to~~ abuse in US

Also may need sponsor, clothes or passport

Unlawfully Exploitation Labor condition means that

(1) labor obtained by ^{any} means but not limited to threat & fraudulent practices

such that persons believe have no viable alternative but to perform labor

(2) at least 2 acts of have occurred w/in 5 yrs preceding of labor laws.

WORK on Regs ~~2005~~ If no prosecutors - who else.

may be used
= Hotline

I. INTRO

- Thank you

- much has changed w/ respect to immigrants & their eligibility for benefits. Louisiana - running Ft. Dix

- Admin. is fighting to continue these restorations benefits cut under law

- also, focusing on implementation of current law & reg and problems that ~~some~~ some of you have flagged for our attention

- Hope we will continue to have this kind of relationship to ensure that our laws are fair and implemented as intended

- after my brief stmt, look forward to hearing from you

II. GOOD NEWS - ~~last time I was here in 1997 fighting to restore~~ medicaid

- Since the passage of welfare & IIRAIRA, every year, Congress, at the strong urging of Admin. bipartisan group of members ~~for~~ state, local & of course advocacy groups, has enacted legislation to restore benefits to those cut off b/c of welfare & to add some exceptions

BOX 1997 - restor

- Ag Disent Act of 1998

- Tech Am 6/1998

- ~~1999~~ ²⁰⁰⁰ Proposals VP Announced in SF

~~Revised~~ • Renew proposals

• Outlook

- Term/transition

- Preg. Women & Children - ~~to~~ bipartisan support

- FS & SSI - more difficult b/c Post-1996

- Maybe difficult b/c some feel that have done enough & hope it got fixed. We are trying to educate them that

[Signature]

Medicaid & CHIP
FS
SSI

Restorations
ESL Proposals

hand-out

1996
1996
1996

(2)

not lived + could see some problems in the future + will need to deal w/ in then.

III. Implementation Challenges

Defining - FMT
Unstable
Defining - FPB

- Public Charge

- Review Proposed Reg
- Bottleneck (imm)

- Privacy Confidentiality / Reporting - San Diego

AG Provisional Speech 1994
Request for comments in 1993
Working at comments

• End of summer ~~comment~~

Wish Jacobs

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Q: NY - TANF, State welfare program first shelter - AG order

Q: Undocumented, Over 250,000 in asylum seeker account - SSA - H from undocumented
Get emergency medical assistance -
migrant farmworkers -
NO health care ~~sett~~ service -

Q: Indragree Women ^{on women} letter - Platform for Action - Not Study
amend to HAWAIIA
VAWA Amendments -

(3)

Grace
WA
Q: What ~~the~~ information

Q. Qualified Alien - ~~is~~ for I-130 - bettered immig.

~~Q~~ Definition of Alien illegally

~~Alien Entry/Exit~~

② HWD letters Ledge will meet w/ Eva + Sue
- Shelia
- Q.A.

- Family Violence Option under TANF ^{Final rule}
64 17720 4/12/79
- Language appropriate info
change - How to craft -
Emil Parker - DHS co.

Q. When in Public housing, I-360, must move out ₂ to get
adjust

Maim
Q. Prima ~~Face~~ ^{determining} Q.A. - Can't just one pending = Q.A.?

PROPOSED AGENDA

NATIONAL NETWORK ON BEHALF OF BATTERED IMMIGRANT WOMEN

**FIFTH - ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 3-5, 1999
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

THURSDAY

- 8:00-9:00 Registration and continental breakfast**
- 9:00-9:30 Introductions/Review of the Agenda**
- 9:30-10:15 Expanding Access to Services**
Moderator: Leslye Orloff, Ayuda
- 10:15-10:30 Break**
- 10:30-11:15 Expanding Legal Advocacy for Battered Immigrants**
Modetator: Gail Pendleton, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
- 11:15-12:00 Funding Advocacy and Strategies**
Modetator: Leni Marin, Family Violence Prevention Fund
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch**

TRACK I Welfare and Family Law Issues *Facilitator: Leslye Orloff*

- 1:30-2:15 Problems with obtaining protection orders**
- Limited Relief
 - Problems with consent orders
 - Mutual protection orders
- 2:15-2:45 Criminal and Family Court Issues**
- 2:45-4:00 Access to Welfare Benefits and Treatment by Welfare System**
- TANF
 - Housing
 - Medicaid
 - INS prima facie determinations
- 4:00-4:30 Access to Shelter and Culturally Competent Services**

TRACK II Strategies for Selected Immigration Problems

Facilitator: Gail Pendleton

- 1:30-2:00 Responding to denials
- 2:00-2:30 Adjustment Barriers
- 2:30-3:30 Strategies for those who don't qualify under VAWA
- 3:30-4:30 Challenging INS and EOIR cooperation with abusers
- 4:30 **Informal Reception Hosted by the National Resource Centers on Domestic Violence**

FRIDAY

- 8:00-9:00 **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00-5:00 **Public Policy Discussion
Panels with Government Decision Makers**
Invited Presenters Include:

Irene Bueno, Domestic Policy Council
Bonnie Campbell, Violence Against Women Office
Patti First, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Legislative Affairs
Karen FitzGerald, INS Office of Policy and Programs
Efren Hernandez III, Assistant General Counsel, INS
Walter Laramie, INS Vermont Service Center
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- Immigration issues
- Accessing grants
- Public benefits problems

Joint letter on HHS, DHS (in shelter emergency + transitional housing w/o immigration)
Q.A. immigration eligibility - need to know the answer + look at it.
AG list = short-term housing
is this short-term
DOJ
AG list = short-term housing
Forum
Library & Outreach

Housing Programs

- Victims of domestic violence.
 - Underserved.
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SATURDAY (half day)

8:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00– 9:30 The Millenium Conference: Ending Domestic Violence

9:30-9:45 Proposed National Conference on Domestic Violence for Battered Immigrant Women for the year 2001

9:45-11:30 Legislative and Advocacy Priorities

VAWA II

Follow-up from Track discussions:

coordinating family law and immigration advocacy

helping non-VAWA victims gain immigration status

11:30-12:00 Evaluation and Wrap Up



Violence Against Women Act of 1999
"VAWA '99" — H.R. 357
VAWA Reauthorization Bill — H.R. 1248
Senate VAWA Package — S.51 & BWESSA

May 1999

Dear Advocate,

The Violence Against Women Act of 1999 (**H.R. 357**), known as "VAWA '99," was introduced in the House on January 19th. VAWA '99 is an omnibus package designed to reauthorize and enhance the programs initiated by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. It would continue and expand the Congressional commitment to making our schools, streets, homes, and workplaces safe for women and children. The Chief Sponsors of the House bill are Representatives Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD) and Roybal-Allard (D-CA). To date there are over 160 co-sponsors of the bill. This is a great achievement. However, we still have a long way to go before we match the 223 sponsors we had for VAWA I when it passed. Last month, Representatives Constance Morella (R-MD) and Nancy Johnson (R-CT) introduced a VAWA reauthorization package (**H.R. 1248**). The bill contains the exact reauthorization language as VAWA '99, fully funding all VAWA '94 programs for another five years. Reauthorization must happen this year and momentum is building fast. H.R. 1248 already has strong bi-partisan support of nearly 100 Representatives.

The Senate companion package to VAWA '99 includes **S. 51**, introduced on January 19, 1999 by Chief Sponsors Biden (D-DE) and Specter (R-PA) and the Battered Women's Economic Security and Safety Act or "**BWESSA**", introduced last year by Senators Murray (D-WA) and Wellstone (D-MN), which is set for re-introduction this month. Currently there are almost 40 co-sponsors of the Biden/Specter bill.

We need your help to ensure Congressional support for VAWA '99. Attached is a list of the current VAWA '99 House and Senate sponsors and also a list of Members who are potential co-sponsors. Please contact these "targets" and ask them to add their names to the list of VAWA '99 supporters. Also attached are talking points and a summary of the bill with a listing of contact people for each separate subtitle.

Why is another VAWA needed? Because we need to reauthorize and enhance the programs initiated by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA I), which have already made a difference in millions of women's lives. VAWA I bolstered prosecution of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence; increased victim services; increased resources for law enforcement; and created a National Domestic Violence Hotline. VAWA '99, drafted by attorneys and advocates from the domestic violence, sexual assault and women's rights communities, includes: legal services for battered women; increased funding for rape prevention and education; increased attention to the impact of violence on women's work lives; supervised visitation centers for children; and legislation on hate crimes prevention. If VAWA '99 does not get passed, all the crucial programs currently in effect will come to a halt and the much needed new initiatives will never get implemented. When you call your representatives, let them know that you support VAWA '99.

Contact our office at the number below if you have any questions about the bills.

Sincerely,

Juley Fulcher
Public Policy Director

The full text of VAWA '99 is currently available on the Congressional website (<http://thomas.loc.gov>) -- simply type "H.R. 357", "H.R. 1248" or "S. 51" into the box and click on <search>. To contact individual members about sponsoring the bills call the House switchboard (202-225-3121) or the Senate switchboard (202-224-3121). Hard copies of the House bills are available at the House document room: Document Room, B18 House Annex II, Washington, DC 20515, (202)226-5200. Hard copies of the Senate Bill are available at the Senate Document Room, BO4 Hart Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, (202)224-7860, fax: (202)228-2815.



BATTERED WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT

"BWESSA" — S. 1069

Summary — June 1, 1999

The programs created under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 have already made a difference in thousands of women's lives. Such programs have bolstered prosecution of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence, increased victim services, increased resources for law enforcement, and created a National Domestic Violence Hotline. The Battered Women's Economic Security and Safety Act ("BWESSA") was introduced on May 18th by Senators Paul Wellstone(D-MN), Patricia Murray(D-WA) and Charles Schumer(D-NY). It is an omnibus package designed both to enhance the successful programs initiated by VAWA '94 and to take the next step toward creating real solutions to the continuing problem of domestic violence.

TITLE I. - Domestic Violence Prevention

Subtitle A. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims' Housing - makes funding available for supportive housing services through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, including rental assistance to victims trying to establish permanent housing safe from the batterer. **Sponsor:** Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Susheela Varky, McAuley Institute, (301) 588-8110. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title IV Subtitle A**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle B. Full Faith and Credit for Protection Orders - clarifies VAWA's full faith and credit provisions to ensure meaningful enforcement by states and tribes; provides grants to states and Tribes to improve enforcement and record keeping. **Adapted from H.R. 935, S. 666 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Conyers (D-MI) Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ) **Contacts:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358, Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906. ⇒ **Adapted from House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title IV Subtitle B**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle C. Victims of Abuse Insurance Protection - prohibits discrimination in issuing and administering insurance policies to victims of domestic violence with uniform protection from insurance discrimination. **Sponsors:** Reps. Sanders (I-VT) & Morella (R-MD), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) & Sen. Schumer (D-NY). **Contact:** Terry Fromson, Women's Law Project, (215) 928-9801. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title IV Subtitle C**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle D. Access to Safety and Advocacy - issues grants to provide legal assistance, lay advocacy and referral services to victims of domestic violence who have inadequate access to sufficient financial resources for appropriate legal assistance; includes set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Bette Garlow, ABA Comm. on DV, 662-8637. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title IV Subtitle F**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle E. Battered Women's Shelters and Services - amends the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to authorize \$1 billion to battered women's shelters over the next five years; includes additional oversight and review; caps spending for training and technical assistance by State coalitions with the remaining money to go to domestic violence programs; adds new proposals for training and technical assistance; allots money for tribal domestic violence coalitions. **Based on H.R. 3665 (105th Congress), Sponsor:** Rep. Lowey (D-NY) **Contact:** Matthew Traub, Lowey 225-6506. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title I Subtitle C**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle F. Battered Immigrant Women's Economic Security and Safety - addresses gaps, errors and oversights in current legislation that impede battered immigrant women's ability to flee violent relationships and survive economically; ensures that battered immigrants with pending immigration applications are able to access public benefits, Food Stamps, SSI, housing, work permits, and immigration relief. **Contact:** Leslye Orloff, AYUDA, 387-0434. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title VI Subtitle C**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

TITLE II. - Violence Against Women and the Workplace

Subtitle A. National Clearinghouse on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Workplace Grant - establishes clearinghouse and resource center to give information and assistance to businesses, employers and labor organizations in their efforts to develop and implement responses to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. **S. 51, Sen. Biden (D-DE). Contact:** Jane Woodfin, Biden, 224-5042. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title VII Subtitle A**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle B. Victims' Employment Rights - prohibits employers from taking adverse job actions against an employee because they are the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. **Contact:** Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title VII Subtitle B**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle C. Workplace Violence Against Women Prevention Tax Credit - provides tax credit to businesses implementing workplace safety programs to combat violence against women. **Based on H.R. 1071 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Lowey (D-NY) **Contact:** Matthew Traub, Lowey, 225-6506. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title VII Subtitle C**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Subtitle D. Employment Protection for Battered Women - ensures eligibility for unemployment compensation to women separated from their jobs due to circumstances directly resulting from domestic violence; requires employers who already provide leave to employees to allow employees to use that leave for the purpose of dealing with domestic violence and its aftermath; allows women to use their family and medical leave or existing leave under state law or a private benefits program to deal with domestic abuse, including going to the doctor for domestic violence injuries, seeking legal remedies, attending court hearings, seeking orders of protection and meeting with a lawyer; provides for training of personnel involved in assessing unemployment claims based on domestic violence. **H.R. 851, S.367 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641, Ellen Riddleberger, Roybal-Allard, 225-1766. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title VII Subtitle D**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

TITLE III. - Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence Under Programs Authorized under the Social Security Act

Section 3001. Waivers for Victims of Domestic Violence under the TANF Program - finds that Congressional intent of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 was to allow states to take the effects of domestic violence into consideration by allowing good cause, temporary waivers of the requirements of the program for victims of domestic violence; places no numerical limits upon States in the granting of good cause waivers; provides that individuals granted good cause waivers shall not be included in the participation rate for purposes of applying limitations or imposing penalties on the States; allows for Secretarial review and possible revocation of good cause waivers granted in States where penalties have been imposed. **Sponsor:** Sen. Murray (D-WA) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Section 3002. Disclosure Protections under the Child Support Program - protects victims fleeing from domestic violence from disclosure of their whereabouts through the federal child support locator service. **Sponsor:** Sen. Murray (D-WA) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title IV Subtitle H**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

Section 3003. Bonus to Encourage Women and Children's Well-Being - amends the Social Security Act to provide bonuses to States that demonstrate high performance in operating their State welfare programs by providing recipients and low-income families with adequate access to affordable and quality childcare; by effectively placing recipients in sustainable wage, non-traditional employment; and by adequately addressing domestic violence in the lives of recipients of assistance; requires HHS and others to develop a formula for measuring State performance, **Contact:** Yolanda Wu, NOWLDEF, (212) 343-4324.

TITLE IV. - Miscellaneous Provisions - technical amendments to existing programs to ensure access to funds to address violence against women in all communities. ⇒ **House VAWA '99, H.R. 357, Title I**, Reps. Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD), Roybal-Allard (D-CA).

For more information about BWESSA or VAWA '99, contact Juley Fulcher, Public Policy Director, or Marlo Cohen, Public Policy Assistant, in the Washington, DC Office of NCADV at (202) 544-7358.



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Continuing The Commitment of the Violence Against Women Act

“The VAWA Reauthorization Bill” – H.R. 1248

Summary — For more information contact Juley Fulcher or Marlo Cohen in the Public Policy Office at (202) 544-7358.

The programs created under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 have already made a difference in thousands of women's lives -- bolstering prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, increasing victim services, increasing resources for law enforcement, and creating a National Domestic Violence Hotline. On March 24, 1999 Representatives Constance Morella (R-MD) and Nancy Johnson (R-CT), along with 29 other co-sponsors, introduced the VAWA Reauthorization bill which will continue these crucial programs. It reauthorizes VAWA programs for another five years at levels essential to service providers and law enforcement doing this work on the front lines. With the original Violence Against Women Act programs due to run out in fiscal year 2000, this reauthorization package will continue the Congressional commitment to making our streets and homes safe for women and children.

Subtitle A. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Grants to Combat Violence Against Women - reauthorizes and amends STOP grants to increase funds and to ensure that domestic violence and sexual assault advocates are involved in planning and implementation of programs; proposes a new formula – 35% to victim services, 20% to prosecution, 20% to law enforcement, 10% to state courts, and 15% discretionary with language to ensure that there will be no harm to existing programs.

Subtitle B. National Domestic Violence Hotline - reauthorizes funding for the National Domestic Violence Hotline; includes additional oversight and review prior to reauthorization.

Subtitle C. Battered Women's Shelters and Services - amends the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to authorize \$1 billion to battered women's shelters over the next five years; includes additional oversight and review; caps spending for training and technical assistance by State coalitions with the remaining money to go to domestic violence programs; adds new proposals for training and technical assistance; allots money for tribal domestic violence coalitions.

Subtitle D. Grants for Community Initiatives - reauthorizes and increases funding for grants for community initiatives; includes additional oversight.

Subtitle E. Education and Training for Judges and Court Personnel - reauthorizes funding for federal and state judicial training on violence against women; adds a training component regarding domestic violence and child abuse in custody determinations.

Subtitle F. Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies - reauthorizes funding for implementation of pro-arrest policies in domestic violence cases; coordinates computer tracking of cases to ensure communication among police, prosecution and courts; strengthens legal advocacy programs for victims; adds set-aside for tribes.

Subtitle G. Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement - reauthorizes funding for the establishment of cooperative efforts among law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocacy groups to provide investigation, prosecution, counseling, treatment, and education with respect to domestic violence and child abuse in rural communities; adds set-aside for tribes.

Subtitle H. National Stalker and Domestic Violence Reduction - reauthorizes funding for improvement of local, state and national crime databases for tracking stalking & domestic violence.

Subtitle I. Federal Victims' Counselors - reauthorizes funding for Victim/Witness Counselors in the prosecution of sex crimes and domestic violence under federal law.

Subtitle J. Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless, and Street Youth - reauthorizes funding for street-based outreach, education, treatment, counseling and referrals for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been abused or are at risk of abuse; includes additional oversight mechanisms.

Subtitle K. Victims of Child Abuse Programs - reauthorizes funding for court-appointed Special Advocates for victims of child abuse, for training programs about child abuse for judicial personnel and attorneys, for closed-circuit televising and video taping of child testimony to protect the child from the trauma of facing the abuser in court; includes additional oversight mechanisms.

Subtitle L. Rape Prevention Education - establishes a National Resource Center on Sexual Assault; increases funds for rape prevention and education; helps states provide technical assistance, information dissemination, and educational programs; allots money for the creation of tribal sexual assault coalitions.

Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Bill — H. R. 1248

(114 Co-Sponsors as of June 1, 1999)

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TITLE I. Continuing the Commitment of the Violence Against Women Act

Subtitle A. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Grants to Combat Violence Against Women- reauthorizes and amends STOP grants to increase funds and to ensure that domestic violence and sexual assault advocates are involved in planning and implementation of programs; proposes a new formula – 35% to victim services, 20% to prosecution, 20% to law enforcement, 10% to state courts, and 15% discretionary with language to ensure that there will be no harm to existing programs. **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle B. National Domestic Violence Hotline - reauthorizes funding for the National Domestic Violence Hotline; includes additional oversight and review prior to reauthorization. **H.R. 3699 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Rep. Stabenow (D-MI) **Contact:** Libbie Ward, Stabenow, 225-4872, Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle C. Battered Women's Shelters and Services - amends the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to authorize \$1 billion to battered women's shelters over the next five years; includes additional oversight and review; caps spending for training and technical assistance by State coalitions with the remaining money to go to domestic violence programs; adds new proposals for training and technical assistance; allots money for tribal domestic violence coalitions. **Based on H.R. 3665 (105th Congress), Sponsor:** Rep. Lowey (D-NY) **Contact:** Matthew Traub, Lowey 225-6506.

Subtitle D. Grants for Community Initiatives - reauthorizes and increases funding for grants for community initiatives; includes additional oversight. **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle E. Education and Training for Judges and Court Personnel - reauthorizes funding for federal and state judicial training on violence against women; adds a training component regarding domestic violence and child abuse in custody determinations. **Sponsors:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle F. Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies - reauthorizes funding for implementation of pro-arrest policies in domestic violence cases; coordinates computer tracking of cases to ensure communication among police, prosecution and courts; strengthens legal advocacy programs for victims; adds set-aside for tribes. **Sponsor:** Rep. Stabenow (D-MI) **Contact:** Libbie Ward, Stabenow, 225-4872.

Subtitle G. Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement - reauthorizes funding for the establishment of cooperative efforts among law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocacy groups to provide investigation, prosecution, counseling, treatment, and education with respect to domestic violence and child abuse in rural communities; adds set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle H. National Stalker and Domestic Violence Reduction - reauthorizes funding for the improvement of local, state and national crime databases for tracking stalking and domestic violence. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle I. Federal Victims' Counselors - reauthorizes funding for Victim/Witness Counselors in the prosecution of sex crimes and domestic violence under federal law. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle J. Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless, and Street Youth - reauthorizes funding for street-based outreach, education, treatment, counseling and referrals for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been abused or are at risk of abuse; includes additional oversight mechanisms. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle K. Victims of Child Abuse Programs - reauthorizes funding for court-appointed Special Advocates for victims of child abuse, for training programs about child abuse for judicial personnel and attorneys, for closed-circuit televising and video taping of child testimony to protect the child from the trauma of facing the abuser in court; includes additional oversight mechanisms. **Sponsor:** Rep. Stabenow (D-MI) **Contact:** Libbie Ward, Stabenow, 225-4872.

TITLE II. Limiting the Effects of Violence on Children

Subtitle A. Safe Havens for Children - authorizes grants to establish and operate supervised visitation centers to facilitate child visitation and visitation exchange. **Based on Bill Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY), Sen. Durbin (D-IL), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle B. Violence Against Women Prevention in Schools - authorizes grants to school systems to develop, modify and implement policies and programs in elementary, middle, and secondary schools which address domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. **Sponsors:** Sen. Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Melody Barnes, Kennedy, 224-7956, Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641, Marlo Cohen, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle C. Family Safety - amends the criminal component of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act (PKPA) to provide a defense in domestic violence and child sexual assault cases; amends the civil full faith and credit provisions of PKPA to include domestic violence, child sexual assault and stalking as factors in determining which state has jurisdiction of a custody case; brings the full faith and credit provisions more in line with the UCCJEA. **Based on Bill Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle D. Domestic Violence and Children - a Sense of Congress calling for reforms of state laws on domestic violence and child custody. **Based on Resolution Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle E. Child Welfare Worker Training on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault - provides grants to enable child welfare service agencies to train staff and modify policies, procedures, and programs for the purpose of recognizing domestic violence and sexual assault as serious problems that threaten the safety and well-being of its child and adult victims. **Based on Bill Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Lisa Moreno, FVPF 624-9470.

Subtitle F. Child Abuse Accountability - permits private employee pension benefits to be assigned to satisfy a judgement against a person for physically, sexually or emotionally abusing a child. **H.R. 1142 (105th Congress).** **Sponsors:** Rep. Maloney (D-NY), Rep. Ramstad (R-MN), Rep. Smith (R-NJ) & Del. Norton (D-DC) **Contact:** Gail Ravnitzky, Maloney, 225-7944.

TITLE III. Sexual Assault Prevention

Subtitle A. Rape Prevention Education - establishes a National Resource Center on Sexual Assault; increases funds for rape prevention and education; helps states provide technical assistance, information dissemination, and educational programs; allots money for the creation of tribal sexual assault coalitions. **Contact:** Ellin Nolan, NASAC, 289-3900, Susan Higginbotham, SCCADVSA, (803) 256-2900.

Subtitle B. Standards of Practice and Training for Sexual Assault Examinations - directs the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to evaluate existing standards of training, practice and payment of forensic examinations and to recommend a national protocol. **Sponsor:** Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Susan Higginbotham, SCCADVSA, (803) 256-2900.

Subtitle C. Violence Against Women Training for Health Professions - amends Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Services Act to give priority in funding to medical schools and training programs that require students to be trained in identifying, treating, and referring patients who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, **Adapted from S. 101, HR. 884 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Sen. Boxer (D-CA) Sen Wyden (D-OR) Rep. Morella(R-MD) **Contact:** Kate O'Malley, Boxer, 224-3553, Lindsay Rosenberg, Wyden, 224-5244.

Subtitle D. Prevention of Custodial Sexual Assault by Correctional Staff - directs the U.S. Attorney General to establish guidelines regarding the prevention of custodial sexual misconduct in prisons; prohibits individuals who have been convicted of or found civilly liable for sexual misconduct from becoming correctional staff; criminalizes sexual conduct between correctional staff and prisoners. **Sponsor:** Rep Conyers (D-MI) **Contact:** Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906.

Subtitle E. Hate Crimes Prevention - amends federal hate crimes legislation to permit federal prosecution for bias crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, and disability; funds additional FBI and law enforcement personnel to assist state and local law enforcement. **Sponsors:** Sen. Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Specter (R-PA), Sen. Wyden (D-OR), Sen. Schumer (D-NY), Rep. Conyers (D-MI) Rep. Morella (R-MD) Rep. Jackson-Lee (D-TX) **Contact:** Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle F. Rescheduling and Classification of Date-Rape Drugs - directs the U.S. Attorney General to amend the Controlled Substances Act by transferring Flunitrazepam to Schedule I and by adding Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate to Schedule I and Ketamine to Schedule III. **Adapted from Bill Sponsored by:** Sen. Biden (D-DE) **Similar to H.R. 75 Sponsored by:** Rep. Jackson-Lee (D-TX) **Contact:** Susan Higginbotham, SCCADVSA, (803) 256-2900, Diane Moyer, PCAR, (717) 728-9781.

Subtitle G. Access to Safety and Advocacy for Victims of Sexual Assault - makes grants available to enhance and improve legal assistance and advocacy on behalf of low-income and indigent persons who have inadequate access to sufficient financial resources for appropriate legal assistance; includes set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Ellin Nolan, NASAC, 289-3900.

TITLE IV. Domestic Violence Prevention

Subtitle A. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims' Housing - makes funding available for supportive housing services through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, including rental assistance to victims trying to establish permanent housing safe from the batterer. **Sponsor:** Sen. Wellstone (D-DE) **Contact:** Susheela Varky, McAuley Institute, (301) 588-8110.

Subtitle B. Full Faith and Credit for Protection Orders - clarifies VAWA's full faith and credit provisions to ensure meaningful enforcement by states and tribes; provides grants to states and Tribes to improve enforcement and record keeping; allows Byrne grants to be used to develop Memoranda of Understanding with surrounding States; reduces Byrne grants to law enforcement for failing to comply with the 1994 VAWA's full faith and credit provisions; provides significant safeguards to allow law enforcement to come into compliance with full faith and credit before suffering a noncompliance penalty in their Byrne grant. **Adapted from H.R. 935, S. 666 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Conyers (D-MI) Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ) **Contacts:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358, Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906.

Subtitle C. Victims of Abuse Insurance Protection - prohibits discrimination in issuing and administering insurance policies to victims of domestic violence with uniform protection from insurance discrimination. **Sponsors:** Reps. Sanders (I-VT) & Morella (R-MD), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) & Sen. Schumer (D-NY). **Contact:** Terry Fromson, Women's Law Project, (215) 928-9801.

Subtitle D. National Summit on Sports and Violence - a Sense of Congress that a national summit of sports, community, and media leaders with expertise in anti-violence advocacy and youth advocacy should be convened to develop a plan to deter acts of violence. **Sponsors:** Rep. Sanders (I-VT), Rep Morella (R-MD) **Contact:** Mary Richards, Sanders, 225-4115, Sandy Zimmet, Morella, 225-5341.

Subtitle E. Keeping Firearms from Intoxicated Persons - adds intoxication to the list of grounds for prohibiting the sale of firearms. **Sponsors:** Rep Conyers (D-MI) **Contact:** Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906.

Subtitle F. Access to Safety and Advocacy - issues grants to provide legal assistance, lay advocacy and referral services to victims of domestic violence who have inadequate access to sufficient financial resources for appropriate legal assistance; includes set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Bette Garlow, ABA Comm. on DV, 662-8637.

Subtitle G. Strengthening Enforcement to Reduce Violence Against Women - amends the Interstate Domestic Violence Statute to make it a crime to commit domestic violence or to violate a protection order in the course of travel in interstate commerce; criminalizes stalking in the course of travel in interstate commerce. **Sponsor:** Sen. Biden (D-DE) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle H. Disclosure Protections - protects victims fleeing from domestic violence from disclosure of their whereabouts through the federal child support locator service. **Sponsor:** Sen. Murray (D-WA) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

TITLE V. Violence Against Women in the Military System

Subtitle A. Civilian Jurisdiction for Crimes of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence - makes an employee or dependant of the military who commits an act of domestic violence or sexual assault while outside the United States that would be a punishable domestic violence or sexual assault offense if perpetrated within the United States subject to the same punishment as if it had been committed in the United States. **Contact:** Christine Hansen, (203) 753-1204.

Subtitle B. Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces - allows a resumption of transitional compensation benefits to an abused dependant who temporarily reconciles with the batterer. **Contact:** Christine Hansen, (203) 753-1204.

Subtitle C. Confidentiality of Records - directs the U.S. Secretary of Defense to adopt regulations that provide confidentiality of communications between a military dependent who is a victim of sexual harassment, sexual assault or domestic violence and the victim's therapist, counselor, or advocate. **Sponsor:** Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641.

TITLE VI. Preventing Violence Against Women in Underserved Communities

Subtitle A. Older Women's Protection from Violence - authorizes law school clinical programs on domestic violence against older women; authorizes training programs for law enforcement offices, social service and health providers on domestic violence against older women; authorizes community initiatives to combat domestic violence against older women; authorizes outreach programs targeted to older women who are victims of domestic violence. **Sponsors:** Sen. Durbin (D-IL), Rep. Maloney (D-NY) **Contact:** Anne Marie Murphy, Durbin, 224-2152, Gail Ravnitzky, Maloney, 225-7944.

Subtitle B. Protection Against Violence and Abuse for Women with Disabilities - ensures inclusion of women with disabilities in existing domestic violence and sexual assault programs; provides for judicial training on issues of violence against women w/disabilities; authorizes training program for social service and health care providers; authorizes research and technical assistance to service providers. **Contact:** Curt Decker, NAPAS, 408-9514.

Subtitle C. Battered Immigrant Women - Allows for adjustment of status for VAWA self-petitioners; prevents changes in abuser's status from undermining victim's petitions; provides for numerous waivers and exceptions to inadmissibility for VAWA eligible applicants; improves access to VAWA for battered immigrant women who are married to members of the armed forces, married to bigamists, and victims of elder abuse; allows for discretionary waivers for good moral character determinations; removes public charge for VAWA applicants; gives VAWA applicants access to work authorization; allows VAWA applicants access to food stamps, housing and legal services; trains judges, immigration officials, armed forces supervisors and police on VAWA immigration provisions. **Contact:** Leslye Orloff, AYUDA, 387-0434.

Subtitle D. Conforming Amendments to the Violence Against Women Act - amends the definitions of underserved populations in the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the Omnibus Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act in order to create consistent usage of the term. **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

TITLE VII. Violence Against Women and the Workplace

Subtitle A. National Clearinghouse on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Workplace Grant - establishes a clearinghouse and resource center to give information and assistance to employers and labor organizations in their efforts to develop and implement responses to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. **Adapted from Bill Sponsored by: Sen. Biden (D-DE) Contact: Jane Woodfin, Biden, 224-5042.**

Subtitle B. Victims' Employment Rights - prohibits employers from taking adverse job actions against an employee because they are the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. **Contact: Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.**

Subtitle C. Workplace Violence Against Women Prevention Tax Credit - provides tax credit to businesses implementing workplace safety programs to combat violence against women. **Based on H.R. 1071 (105th Congress), Sponsors: Rep. Lowey (D-NY) Contact: Matthew Traub, Lowey, 225-6506.**

Subtitle D. Battered Women's Employment Protection - ensures eligibility for unemployment compensation to women separated from their jobs due to circumstances directly resulting from domestic violence; requires employers who already provide leave to employees to allow employees to use that leave for the purpose of dealing with domestic violence and its aftermath; allows women to use their family and medical leave or existing leave under state law or a private benefits program to deal with domestic abuse, including going to the doctor for domestic violence injuries, seeking legal remedies, attending court hearings, seeking orders of protection and meeting with a lawyer; provides for training of personnel involved in assessing unemployment claims based on domestic violence. **H.R. 851, S.367 (105th Congress), Sponsors: Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) Contact: Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641, Ellen Riddleberger, Roybal-Allard, 225-1766.**

Subtitle E. Education and Training Grants to Promote Responses to Violence Against Women - authorizes grants for developing, testing, presenting and disseminating model programs to provide education and training to individuals who are likely to come in contact with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the course of their employment, including campus personnel, justice system professionals (including guardians ad litem, probation, parole and others), mental health professionals, clergy, caseworkers, supervisors, administrators and administrative law judges who are involved in federal and state benefits programs. **Based on Bill Sponsored by: Sen. Biden(D-DE) Contact: Jane Woodfin, 224-5042.**

Subtitle F. Workers' Compensation - a Sense of Congress that worker's compensation benefits should be provided to women that have been injured in the workplace, including full compensation for physical and non-physical injuries, and that women who survive crimes such as rape, domestic violence and sexual assault at work should be able to pursue other legal actions, based on the employers role in the workplace violence. **Contact: Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.**

TITLE VIII. Violence Against Women Intervention, Prevention and Education Research

Directs the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in consultation with national domestic violence and sexual assault organizations) to establish a multi-agency task force to coordinate research on violence against women; provides grants to support research on causes of violence against women and the effectiveness of education, prevention and intervention programs; provides grants to address gaps in research on violence against women, particularly violence against women in underserved communities and instances where domestic violence is a factor in a divorce/child custody case; mandates a study and report by the U.S. Sentencing Commission on sentences given in crimes of domestic violence; issues grants to conduct research on the experiences of women and girls in the health care, judicial and social services systems who become pregnant as a result of sexual assault; authorizes a study and report on the uniformity of laws among states and their effectiveness in prosecuting rape and sexual assault offenses; directs the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish three research centers to develop and coordinate research on violence against women. **Contact: Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.**

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COMPARISON OF HOUSE & SENATE VERSIONS OF VAWA '99

H.R. 357 "VAWA '99"— Conyers (D-MI), Morella (R-MD) & Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

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Provision	H.R. 357 VAWA 99	H.R.1248 Reauthorization Bill	S. 1069 BWESSA	S. 51 (Biden/Specter)	S. 245 (Hatch)
Expanded Definition of DV	☺	☺	☺	☺	■
STOP Grants	☺	☺	■	☺ alternate version/ only through 2002	☺ alternate version/only through 2002
National Domestic Violence Hotline	☺	☺	■	☺ includes legal services database/ only through 2002	☺ only through 2002
Battered Women's Shelters	☺	☺	☺	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002
Grants for Community Initiatives	☺	☺	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002
Education & Training for Judges	☺	☺	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	■
Grants to Encourage Arrests	☺	☺	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002
Rural DV & Child Abuse	☺	☺	■	☺ only through 2002	☺ higher funding/ only through 2002
National Stalker & DV Reduction	☺	☺	■	☺ only through 2002	☺ only through 2002
Federal Victims' Counselors	☺	☺	■	☺ only through 2002	■
Runaway & Homeless Youth	☺	☺	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002
Victims of Child Abuse Programs	☺	☺	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002
Rape Prevention and Education	☺	☺	■	☺ limited version/ lower funding/ only through 2002	■
Safe Havens for Children	☺	■	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	■

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Date Rape Drug Rescheduling	☺	■	■	☺ limited version	■
Safety & Advocacy for victims of SA	☺	■	■	■	■
VAW Prevention in Schools	☺	■	■	☺ limited version/ lower funding/ only through 2002	■
Family Safety	☺	■	■	☺ limited version	■
Battered Immigrant Women	☺	■	☺ alternate version	☺ limited version	☺ very limited version
Underserved Populations Definition	☺	■	☺	■	■
Clearinghouse - DV/SA/Workplace	☺	■	☺	☺ twice as much funding/ only through 2002	■
Victims' Employment Rights Act	☺	■	☺	■	■
Workplace Tax Credit	☺	■	☺	■	■
Battered ♀'s Employment Protection	☺	■	☺	☺ limited version	■
Education & Training Grants on VAW	☺	■	■	☺ lower funding/ only through 2002	■
Standards/Training for SA Exams	☺	■	■	☺	■
Hate Crimes Prevention	☺	■	■	☺	■
DV & SA Victims' Housing	☺	■	☺	■	■
Full Faith and Credit	☺	■	☺ alternate version	☺ limited version; no funding	☺ limited/ no funding
DV Insurance Protection	☺	■	☺	☺ enforcement only if states fail to	■
Safety & Advocacy for Victims DV	☺	■	☺	☺ very limited version; only through 2002	■
Amendments to Interstate Stalking	☺	■	■	☺	☺
Disclosure under Child Support Program	☺	■	☺	■	■
Older Women's Protection	☺	■	■	☺	■
Protection for Disabled Women	☺	■	■	☺ limited version; lower funding; only through 2002	☺ limited version; lower funding

Provision	H.R. 357 VAWA 99	H.R.1248 Reauthorization Bill	S. 1069 BWESSA	S. 51 (Biden/Specter)	S. 245 (Hatch)
Civilian Jurisdiction for SA & DV	☺	■	■	☺ limited version	■
Transitional Compensation	☺	■	■	☺ limited version	■
Confidentiality of Records in Military	☺	■	■	■	■
Training for Health Professions	☺	■	■	☺	■
Research on VAW	☺	■	■	☺ limited; lower funding	■
Child Custody Resolution	☺	■	■	■	■
Child Welfare Worker Training	☺	■	■	■	■
Child Abuse Accountability	☺	■	■	■	■
Sexual Assault in Prisons	☺	■	■	■	■
Summit on Sports & Violence	☺	■	■	■	■
"No Guns for Drunks"	☺	■	■	■	■
Workers' Compensation	☺	■	■	■	■
TANF Waivers for Victims of DV	■	■	☺	■	■
Building Opportunities Bonus	■	■	☺	■	■

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THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 1999 “VAWA ‘99” – H.R. 357

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TITLE I. Continuing the Commitment of the Violence Against Women Act

Subtitle A. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Grants to Combat Violence Against Women- reauthorizes and amends STOP grants to increase funds and to ensure that domestic violence and sexual assault advocates are involved in planning and implementation of programs; proposes a new formula – 35% to victim services, 20% to prosecution, 20% to law enforcement, 10% to state courts, and 15% discretionary with language to ensure that there will be no harm to existing programs. **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle B. National Domestic Violence Hotline - reauthorizes funding for the National Domestic Violence Hotline; includes additional oversight and review prior to reauthorization. **H.R. 3699 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Rep. Stabenow (D-MI) **Contact:** Libbie Ward, Stabenow, 225-4872, Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle C. Battered Women’s Shelters and Services - amends the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to authorize \$1 billion to battered women’s shelters over the next five years; includes additional oversight and review; caps spending for training and technical assistance by State coalitions with the remaining money to go to domestic violence programs; adds new proposals for training and technical assistance; allots money for tribal domestic violence coalitions. **Based on H.R. 3665 (105th Congress), Sponsor:** Rep. Lowey (D-NY) **Contact:** Matthew Traub, Lowey 225-6506.

Subtitle D. Grants for Community Initiatives - reauthorizes and increases funding for grants for community initiatives; includes additional oversight. **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle E. Education and Training for Judges and Court Personnel - reauthorizes funding for federal and state judicial training on violence against women; adds a training component regarding domestic violence and child abuse in custody determinations. **Sponsors:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle F. Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies - reauthorizes funding for implementation of pro-arrest policies in domestic violence cases; coordinates computer tracking of cases to ensure communication among police, prosecution and courts; strengthens legal advocacy programs for victims; adds set-aside for tribes. **Sponsor:** Rep. Stabenow (D-MI) **Contact:** Libbie Ward, Stabenow, 225-4872.

Subtitle G. Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement - reauthorizes funding for the establishment of cooperative efforts among law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocacy groups to provide investigation, prosecution, counseling, treatment, and education with respect to domestic violence and child abuse in rural communities; adds set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle H. National Stalker and Domestic Violence Reduction - reauthorizes funding for the improvement of local, state and national crime databases for tracking stalking and domestic violence. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle I. Federal Victims’ Counselors - reauthorizes funding for Victim/Witness Counselors in the prosecution of sex crimes and domestic violence under federal law. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle J. Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless, and Street Youth - reauthorizes funding for street-based outreach, education, treatment, counseling and referrals for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been abused or are at risk of abuse; includes additional oversight mechanisms. **Contact:** Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle K. Victims of Child Abuse Programs - reauthorizes funding for court-appointed Special Advocates for victims of child abuse, for training programs about child abuse for judicial personnel and attorneys, for closed-circuit televising and video taping of child testimony to protect the child from the trauma of facing the abuser in court; includes additional oversight mechanisms. **Sponsor:** Rep. Stabenow (D-MI) **Contact:** Libbie Ward, Stabenow, 225-4872.

TITLE II. Limiting the Effects of Violence on Children

Subtitle A. Safe Havens for Children - authorizes grants to establish and operate supervised visitation centers to facilitate child visitation and visitation exchange. **Based on Bill Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY), Sen. Durbin (D-IL), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle B. Violence Against Women Prevention in Schools - authorizes grants to school systems to develop, modify and implement policies and programs in elementary, middle, and secondary schools which address domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. **Sponsors:** Sen. Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Melody Barnes, Kennedy, 224-7956, Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641, Marlo Cohen, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle C. Family Safety - amends the criminal component of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act (PKPA) to provide a defense in domestic violence and child sexual assault cases; amends the civil full faith and credit provisions of PKPA to include domestic violence, child sexual assault and stalking as factors in determining which state has jurisdiction of a custody case; brings the full faith and credit provisions more in line with the UCCJEA. **Based on Bill Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle D. Domestic Violence and Children - a Sense of Congress calling for reforms of state laws on domestic violence and child custody. **Based on Resolution Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle E. Child Welfare Worker Training on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault - provides grants to enable child welfare service agencies to train staff and modify policies, procedures, and programs for the purpose of recognizing domestic violence and sexual assault as serious problems that threaten the safety and well-being of its child and adult victims. **Based on Bill Sponsored by:** Rep. Morella (R-MD), Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Lisa Moreno, FVPPF 624-9470.

Subtitle F. Child Abuse Accountability - permits private employee pension benefits to be assigned to satisfy a judgement against a person for physically, sexually or emotionally abusing a child. **H.R. 1142 (105th Congress).** **Sponsors:** Rep. Maloney (D-NY), Rep. Ramstad (R-MN), Rep. Smith (R-NJ) & Del. Norton (D-DC) **Contact:** Gail Ravnitzky, Maloney, 225-7944.

TITLE III. Sexual Assault Prevention

Subtitle A. Rape Prevention Education - establishes a National Resource Center on Sexual Assault; increases funds for rape prevention and education; helps states provide technical assistance, information dissemination, and educational programs; allots money for the creation of tribal sexual assault coalitions. **Contact:** Ellin Nolan, NASAC, 289-3900, Susan Higginbotham, SCCADVASA, (803) 256-2900.

Subtitle B. Standards of Practice and Training for Sexual Assault Examinations - directs the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to evaluate existing standards of training, practice and payment of forensic examinations and to recommend a national protocol. **Sponsor:** Sen. Schumer (D-NY) **Contact:** Susan Higginbotham, SCCADVASA, (803) 256-2900.

Subtitle C. Violence Against Women Training for Health Professions - amends Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Services Act to give priority in funding to medical schools and training programs that require students to be trained in identifying, treating, and referring patients who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, **Adapted from S. 101, HR. 884 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Sen. Boxer (D-CA) Sen Wyden (D-OR) Rep. Morella(R-MD) **Contact:** Kate O'Malley, Boxer, 224-3553, Lindsay Rosenberg, Wyden, 224-5244.

Subtitle D. Prevention of Custodial Sexual Assault by Correctional Staff - directs the U.S. Attorney General to establish guidelines regarding the prevention of custodial sexual misconduct in prisons; prohibits individuals who have been convicted of or found civilly liable for sexual misconduct from becoming correctional staff; criminalizes sexual conduct between correctional staff and prisoners. **Sponsor:** Rep Conyers (D-MI) **Contact:** Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906.

Subtitle E. Hate Crimes Prevention - amends federal hate crimes legislation to permit federal prosecution for bias crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, and disability; funds additional FBI and law enforcement personnel to assist state and local law enforcement. **Sponsors:** Sen. Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Specter (R-PA), Sen. Wyden (D-OR), Sen. Schumer (D-NY), Rep. Conyers (D-MI) Rep. Morella (R-MD) Rep. Jackson-Lee (D-TX) **Contact:** Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.

Subtitle F. Rescheduling and Classification of Date-Rape Drugs - directs the U.S. Attorney General to amend the Controlled Substances Act by transferring Flunitrazepam to Schedule I and by adding Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate to Schedule I and Ketamine to Schedule III. **Adapted from Bill Sponsored by:** Sen. Biden (D-DE) **Similar to H.R. 75 Sponsored by:** Rep. Jackson-Lee (D-TX) **Contact:** Susan Higginbotham, SCCADVSA, (803) 256-2900, Diane Moyer, PCAR, (717) 728-9781.

Subtitle G. Access to Safety and Advocacy for Victims of Sexual Assault - makes grants available to enhance and improve legal assistance and advocacy on behalf of low-income and indigent persons who have inadequate access to sufficient financial resources for appropriate legal assistance; includes set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Ellin Nolan, NASAC, 289-3900.

TITLE IV. Domestic Violence Prevention

Subtitle A. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims' Housing - makes funding available for supportive housing services through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, including rental assistance to victims trying to establish permanent housing safe from the batterer. **Sponsor:** Sen. Wellstone (D-DE) **Contact:** Susheela Varky, McAuley Institute, (301) 588-8110.

Subtitle B. Full Faith and Credit for Protection Orders - clarifies VAWA's full faith and credit provisions to ensure meaningful enforcement by states and tribes; provides grants to states and Tribes to improve enforcement and record keeping; allows Byrne grants to be used to develop Memoranda of Understanding with surrounding States; reduces Byrne grants to law enforcement for failing to comply with the 1994 VAWA's full faith and credit provisions; provides significant safeguards to allow law enforcement to come into compliance with full faith and credit before suffering a noncompliance penalty in their Byrne grant. **Adapted from H.R. 935, S. 666 (105th Congress), Sponsors:** Rep. Conyers (D-MI) Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ) **Contacts:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358, Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906.

Subtitle C. Victims of Abuse Insurance Protection - prohibits discrimination in issuing and administering insurance policies to victims of domestic violence with uniform protection from insurance discrimination. **Sponsors:** Reps. Sanders (I-VT) & Morella (R-MD), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) & Sen. Schumer (D-NY). **Contact:** Terry Fromson, Women's Law Project, (215) 928-9801.

Subtitle D. National Summit on Sports and Violence - a Sense of Congress that a national summit of sports, community, and media leaders with expertise in anti-violence advocacy and youth advocacy should be convened to develop a plan to deter acts of violence. **Sponsors:** Rep. Sanders (I-VT), Rep Morella (R-MD) **Contact:** Mary Richards, Sanders, 225-4115, Sandy Zimmet, Morella, 225-5341.

Subtitle E. Keeping Firearms from Intoxicated Persons - adds intoxication to the list of grounds for prohibiting the sale of firearms. **Sponsors:** Rep Conyers (D-MI) **Contact:** Dawn Burton, Conyers, 225-6906.

Subtitle F. Access to Safety and Advocacy - issues grants to provide legal assistance, lay advocacy and referral services to victims of domestic violence who have inadequate access to sufficient financial resources for appropriate legal assistance; includes set-aside for tribes. **Contact:** Bette Garlow, ABA Comm. on DV, 662-8637.

Subtitle G. Strengthening Enforcement to Reduce Violence Against Women - amends the Interstate Domestic Violence Statute to make it a crime to commit domestic violence or to violate a protection order in the course of travel in interstate commerce; criminalizes stalking in the course of travel in interstate commerce. **Sponsor:** Sen. Biden (D-DE) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

Subtitle H. Disclosure Protections - protects victims fleeing from domestic violence from disclosure of their whereabouts through the federal child support locator service. **Sponsor:** Sen. Murray (D-WA) **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

TITLE V. Violence Against Women in the Military System

Subtitle A. Civilian Jurisdiction for Crimes of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence - makes an employee or dependant of the military who commits an act of domestic violence or sexual assault while outside the United States that would be a punishable domestic violence or sexual assault offense if perpetrated within the United States subject to the same punishment as if it had been committed in the United States. **Contact:** Christine Hansen, (203) 753-1204.

Subtitle B. Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces - allows a resumption of transitional compensation benefits to an abused dependant who temporarily reconciles with the batterer. **Contact:** Christine Hansen, (203) 753-1204.

Subtitle C. Confidentiality of Records - directs the U.S. Secretary of Defense to adopt regulations that provide confidentiality of communications between a military dependent who is a victim of sexual harassment, sexual assault or domestic violence and the victim's therapist, counselor, or advocate. **Sponsor:** Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) **Contact:** Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641.

TITLE VI. Preventing Violence Against Women in Underserved Communities

Subtitle A. Older Women's Protection from Violence - authorizes law school clinical programs on domestic violence against older women; authorizes training programs for law enforcement offices, social service and health providers on domestic violence against older women; authorizes community initiatives to combat domestic violence against older women; authorizes outreach programs targeted to older women who are victims of domestic violence. **Sponsors:** Sen. Durbin (D-IL), Rep. Maloney (D-NY) **Contact:** Anne Marie Murphy, Durbin, 224-2152, Gail Ravnitzky, Maloney, 225-7944.

Subtitle B. Protection Against Violence and Abuse for Women with Disabilities - ensures inclusion of women with disabilities in existing domestic violence and sexual assault programs; provides for judicial training on issues of violence against women w/disabilities; authorizes training program for social service and health care providers; authorizes research and technical assistance to service providers. **Contact:** Curt Decker, NAPAS, 408-9514.

Subtitle C. Battered Immigrant Women - Allows for adjustment of status for VAWA self-petitioners; prevents changes in abuser's status from undermining victim's petitions; provides for numerous waivers and exceptions to inadmissibility for VAWA eligible applicants; improves access to VAWA for battered immigrant women who are married to members of the armed forces, married to bigamists, and victims of elder abuse; allows for discretionary waivers for good moral character determinations; removes public charge for VAWA applicants; gives VAWA applicants access to work authorization; allows VAWA applicants access to food stamps, housing and legal services; trains judges, immigration officials, armed forces supervisors and police on VAWA immigration provisions. **Contact:** Leslye Orloff, AYUDA, 387-0434.

Subtitle D. Conforming Amendments to the Violence Against Women Act - amends the definitions of underserved populations in the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the Omnibus Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act in order to create consistent usage of the term. **Contact:** Juley Fulcher, NCADV, 544-7358.

TITLE VII. Violence Against Women and the Workplace

Subtitle A. National Clearinghouse on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Workplace Grant - establishes a clearinghouse and resource center to give information and assistance to employers and labor organizations in their efforts to develop and implement responses to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. **Adapted from Bill Sponsored by: Sen. Biden (D-DE) Contact: Jane Woodfin, Biden, 224-5042.**

Subtitle B. Victims' Employment Rights - prohibits employers from taking adverse job actions against an employee because they are the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. **Contact: Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.**

Subtitle C. Workplace Violence Against Women Prevention Tax Credit - provides tax credit to businesses implementing workplace safety programs to combat violence against women. **Based on H.R. 1071 (105th Congress), Sponsors: Rep. Lowey (D-NY) Contact: Matthew Traub, Lowey, 225-6506.**

Subtitle D. Battered Women's Employment Protection - ensures eligibility for unemployment compensation to women separated from their jobs due to circumstances directly resulting from domestic violence; requires employers who already provide leave to employees to allow employees to use that leave for the purpose of dealing with domestic violence and its aftermath; allows women to use their family and medical leave or existing leave under state law or a private benefits program to deal with domestic abuse, including going to the doctor for domestic violence injuries, seeking legal remedies, attending court hearings, seeking orders of protection and meeting with a lawyer; provides for training of personnel involved in assessing unemployment claims based on domestic violence. **H.R. 851, S.367 (105th Congress), Sponsors: Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Sen. Wellstone (D-MN) Contact: Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Wellstone, 224-5641, Ellen Riddleberger, Roybal-Allard, 225-1766.**

Subtitle E. Education and Training Grants to Promote Responses to Violence Against Women - authorizes grants for developing, testing, presenting and disseminating model programs to provide education and training to individuals who are likely to come in contact with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the course of their employment, including campus personnel, justice system professionals (including guardians ad litem, probation, parole and others), mental health professionals, clergy, caseworkers, supervisors, administrators and administrative law judges who are involved in federal and state benefits programs. **Based on Bill Sponsored by: Sen. Biden(D-DE) Contact: Jane Woodfin, 224-5042.**

Subtitle F. Workers' Compensation - a Sense of Congress that worker's compensation benefits should be provided to women that have been injured in the workplace, including full compensation for physical and non-physical injuries, and that women who survive crimes such as rape, domestic violence and sexual assault at work should be able to pursue other legal actions, based on the employers role in the workplace violence. **Contact: Julie Goldscheid, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.**

TITLE VIII. Violence Against Women Intervention, Prevention and Education Research

Directs the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in consultation with national domestic violence and sexual assault organizations) to establish a multi-agency task force to coordinate research on violence against women; provides grants to support research on causes of violence against women and the effectiveness of education, prevention and intervention programs; provides grants to address gaps in research on violence against women, particularly violence against women in underserved communities and instances where domestic violence is a factor in a divorce/child custody case; mandates a study and report by the U.S. Sentencing Commission on sentences given in crimes of domestic violence; issues grants to conduct research on the experiences of women and girls in the health care, judicial and social services systems who become pregnant as a result of sexual assault; authorizes a study and report on the uniformity of laws among states and their effectiveness in prosecuting rape and sexual assault offenses; directs the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish three research centers to develop and coordinate research on violence against women. **Contact: Andrea Williams, NOW LDEF, (212) 925-6635.**

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