

tribal, and local courts in recognizing, addressing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and violence against individuals with disabilities, including domestic violence and sexual assault, against older or disabled individuals.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-162 not effective until the beginning of fiscal year 2007, see section 4 of Pub. L. 109-162, set out as a note under section 3793 of this title.

**§ 14041b. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 40803, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title II, § 1209(a), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1509; amended Pub. L. 109-162, title II, § 205(b), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3002.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-162 substituted “\$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011” for “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-162 not effective until the beginning of fiscal year 2007, see section 4 of Pub. L. 109-162, set out as a note under section 3793 of this title.

PART H—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

CODIFICATION

This part was, in the original, subtitle I of title IV of Pub. L. 103-322, as added by Pub. L. 106-386, and has been redesignated as part H of this subchapter for purposes of codification.

**§ 14042. Task force**

**(a) Establish**

The Attorney General, in consultation with national nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations whose primary expertise is in domestic violence, shall establish a task force to coordinate research on domestic violence and to report to Congress on any overlapping or duplication of efforts on domestic violence issues. The task force shall be comprised of representatives from all Federal agencies that fund such research.

**(b) Uses of funds**

Funds appropriated under this section shall be used to—

- (1) develop a coordinated strategy to strengthen research focused on domestic violence education, prevention, and intervention strategies;
- (2) track and report all Federal research and expenditures on domestic violence; and
- (3) identify gaps and duplication of efforts in domestic violence research and governmental expenditures on domestic violence issues.

**(c) Report**

The Task Force shall report to Congress annually on its work under subsection (b) of this section.

**(d) Definition**

For purposes of this section, the term “domestic violence” has the meaning given such term by section 3796gg-2<sup>1</sup> of this title.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**(e) Authorization of Appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2004.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 40901, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title IV, § 1407, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1517.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3796gg-2 of this title, referred to in subsec. (d), was subsequently repealed and a new section 3796gg-2 enacted which does not define “domestic violence”. However, such term is defined in section 13925 of this title.

STUDY OF STATE LAWS REGARDING INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title II, § 1206, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1507, directed the Attorney General to conduct a national study to identify State laws that address insurance discrimination against victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and to submit to Congress a report and recommendations based on that study not later than 1 year after Oct. 28, 2000.

STUDY OF WORKPLACE EFFECTS FROM VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title II, § 1207, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1507, directed the Attorney General to conduct a national survey of programs to assist employers and employees on appropriate responses in the workplace to victims of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault, and not later than 18 months after Oct. 28, 2000, to submit to Congress a report and recommendations based on that survey.

STUDY OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title II, § 1208, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1508, directed the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Attorney General, to conduct a national study to identify the impact of State unemployment compensation laws on victims of domestic violence when the victim’s separation from employment is a direct result of the domestic violence and to submit to Congress a report and recommendations based on that study not later than 1 year after Oct. 28, 2000.

PART I—VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT COURT TRAINING AND IMPROVEMENTS

CODIFICATION

This part was, in the original, subtitle J of title IV of Pub. L. 103-322, as added by Pub. L. 109-162, and has been redesignated as part I of this subchapter for purposes of codification.

**§ 14043. Purpose**

The purpose of this part is to enable the Attorney General, though<sup>1</sup> the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, to award grants to improve court responses to adult and youth domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to be used for—

- (1) improved internal civil and criminal court functions, responses, practices, and procedures;
- (2) education for court-based and court-related personnel on issues relating to victims’ needs, including safety, security, privacy, confidentiality, and economic independence, as

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “through”.

well as information about perpetrator behavior and best practices for holding perpetrators accountable;

(3) collaboration and training with Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local public agencies and officials and nonprofit, non-governmental organizations to improve implementation and enforcement of relevant Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local law;

(4) enabling courts or court-based or court-related programs to develop new or enhance current—

(A) court infrastructure (such as specialized courts, dockets, intake centers, or interpreter services);

(B) community-based initiatives within the court system (such as court watch programs, victim assistants, or community-based supplementary services);

(C) offender management, monitoring, and accountability programs;

(D) safe and confidential information-storage and -sharing databases within and between court systems;

(E) education and outreach programs to improve community access, including enhanced access for underserved populations; and

(F) other projects likely to improve court responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

(5) providing technical assistance to Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local courts wishing to improve their practices and procedures or to develop new programs.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 41002, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, § 105(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2979.)

#### SHORT TITLE

For short title of this part as the “Violence Against Women Act Court Training and Improvements Act of 2005”, see section 41001 of Pub. L. 103-322, set out as a note under section 13701 of this title.

### § 14043a. Grant requirements

Grants awarded under this part shall be subject to the following conditions:

#### (1) Eligible grantees

Eligible grantees may include—

(A) Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local courts or court-based programs; and

(B) national, State, tribal, territorial, or local private, nonprofit organizations with demonstrated expertise in developing and providing judicial education about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

#### (2) Conditions of eligibility

To be eligible for a grant under this section, applicants shall certify in writing that—

(A) any courts or court-based personnel working directly with or making decisions about adult or youth parties experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking have completed or will complete education about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(B) any education program developed under section 14043 of this title has been or will be developed with significant input from and in collaboration with a national, tribal, State, territorial, or local victim services provider or coalition; and

(C) the grantee’s internal organizational policies, procedures, or rules do not require mediation or counseling between offenders and victims physically together in cases where domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking is an issue.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 41003, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, § 105(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2980.)

### § 14043a-1. National education curricula

#### (a) In general

The Attorney General, through the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, shall fund efforts to develop a national education curriculum for use by State and national judicial educators to ensure that all courts and court personnel have access to information about relevant Federal, State, territorial, or local law, promising practices, procedures, and policies regarding court responses to adult and youth domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

#### (b) Eligible entities

Any curricula developed under this section—

(1) shall be developed by an entity or entities having demonstrated expertise in developing judicial education curricula on issues relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; or

(2) if the primary grantee does not have demonstrated expertise with such issues, shall be developed by the primary grantee in partnership with an organization having such expertise.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 41004, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, § 105(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2980.)

### § 14043a-2. Tribal curricula

#### (a) In general

The Attorney General, through the Office on Violence Against Women, shall fund efforts to develop education curricula for tribal court judges to ensure that all tribal courts have relevant information about promising practices, procedures, policies, and law regarding tribal court responses to adult and youth domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

#### (b) Eligible entities

Any curricula developed under this section—

(1) shall be developed by a tribal organization having demonstrated expertise in developing judicial education curricula on issues relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; or

(2) if the primary grantee does not have such expertise, the curricula shall be developed by the primary grantee through partnership with organizations having such expertise.