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BLOOM SAFE: MAKE AMERICA THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE A KID ACT

A permanent national public-health framework to prevent child sexual abuse before it occurs

THE ASK: Review, sponsor, and advance this House-style discussion draft, preserving its permanent annual funding, public accountability, and prevention-first public-health guardrails.

A NATIONAL PUBLIC-HEALTH RESPONSE

The Act declares child sexual abuse (CSA) a preventable public-health crisis and establishes a permanent National Council within HHS. The HHS Secretary chairs; the CDC Director and Education Secretary serve as vice chairs. Success is measured by reduced risk, stronger protective environments, equitable reach, and effective prevention - not arrest or incarceration rates.

WHAT THE ACT DELIVERS

- **Education and safe organizations.** Voluntary grants for age-appropriate prevention education from early childhood through grade 12; national competencies, voluntary Bloom Safe certification, and organizational safety standards for adults and institutions that serve children.
- **Research, surveillance, and annual reporting.** A national Research and Data Center, coordinated data systems, research awards, and an evidence clearinghouse. The first public report to Congress is due within 180 days, followed by a report every year covering incidence, prevalence, root causes, prevention methods, outcomes, spending, and data gaps.
- **Prevention and support infrastructure.** National awareness, a confidential prevention helpline, trauma-informed survivor and family supports, digital-safety initiatives, and targeted access for rural, Tribal, territorial, disability, low-income, and other underserved communities.
- **Cross-sector grants with safeguards.** Competitive grants and cooperative agreements for governments; schools and early-childhood programs; universities; nonprofits and survivor-led groups; churches and other faith communities; health and child-advocacy providers; professional bodies; and, with added safeguards, technology and media companies. Awards require merit review, measurable results, privacy, evaluation, audits, and public transparency.
- **A comprehensive CSA definition.** Covers actual, attempted, threatened, facilitated, contact, noncontact, and technology-mediated abuse, including grooming, exploitation, CSAM, sextortion, trafficking, and compelled self-generation. Public-health classification does not require an arrest or conviction and does not itself create a criminal offense or civil liability.

PERMANENT FUNDING, ACCOUNTABLE EXECUTION

\$1 billion every year. The draft directly appropriates \$1 billion for the fiscal year of enactment, the next fiscal year, and every fiscal year thereafter unless changed by a later Act of Congress. At least 60% must be awarded to non-Federal entities; Federal administration is capped at 3%.

Transparent stewardship. Requires a first-year operating plan, annual operating plans thereafter, quarterly public spending data, a searchable award database, independent evaluation, and recurring Comptroller General review. A 31-41 member Advisory Board - at least one-fourth adult survivors - receives compensation and practical participation support for non-Federal service.

EXPLICIT LIMIT: CSA PREVENTION, NOT ENFORCEMENT EXPANSION

DOJ, FBI, DHS, the Secret Service, and other relevant agencies may support deidentified or aggregate data sharing, research, education, and role-appropriate training. The Act does not create or expand investigative, surveillance, arrest, prosecutorial, intelligence, or regulatory authority and bars funding for added personnel, task-force operations, weapons, detention, or enforcement technology.

Reimbursement for expressly permitted activities is limited to actual reasonable costs and no more than 1% in the aggregate.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION: Engage survivor, public-health, education, faith, community, research, and technology stakeholders; obtain House Legislative Counsel review; and introduce the Bloom Safe Act.