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To establish a permanent Violence Against Women Office at the Department of Justice.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MILLER, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a permanent Violence Against Women Office at the Department of Justice.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Violence Against
5 Women Office Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
7 **OFFICE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the De-
9 partment of Justice a Violence Against Women Office (in

1 this Act referred to as the “Office”) under the general
2 authority of the Attorney General.

3 (b) SEPARATE OFFICE.—The Office—

4 (1) shall not be part of any division or compo-
5 nent of the Department of Justice; and

6 (2) shall be a separate office headed by a Direc-
7 tor who shall report to the Attorney General through
8 the Associate Attorney General of the United States,
9 and who shall also serve as Counsel to the Attorney
10 General.

11 **SEC. 3. JURISDICTION.**

12 The Office—

13 (1) shall have jurisdiction over all matters re-
14 lated to administration, enforcement, coordination,
15 and implementation of all responsibilities of the At-
16 torney General or the Department of Justice related
17 to violence against women, including formula and
18 discretionary grant programs authorized under the
19 Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of
20 Public Law 103–322) and the Violence Against
21 Women Act of 2000 (Division B of Public Law 106–
22 386); and

23 (2) shall be solely responsible for coordination
24 with other offices or agencies of administration, en-
25 forcement, and implementation of the programs,

1 grants, and activities authorized or undertaken
2 under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994
3 (title IV of Public Law 103–322) and the Violence
4 Against Women Act of 2000 (Division B of Public
5 Law 106–386).

6 **SEC. 4. DIRECTOR OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE.**

7 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The President, by and with the
8 advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Director
9 for the Violence Against Women Office (in this Act re-
10 ferred to as the “Director”) to be responsible for the ad-
11 ministration, coordination, and implementation of the pro-
12 grams and activities of the office.

13 (b) OTHER EMPLOYMENT.—The Director shall not—

14 (1) engage in any employment other than that
15 of serving as Director; or

16 (2) hold any office in, or act in any capacity
17 for, any organization, agency, or institution with
18 which the Office makes any contract or other agree-
19 ment under the Violence Against Women Act of
20 1994 (title IV of Public Law 103–322) or the Vio-
21 lence Against Women Act of 2000 (Division B of
22 Public Law 106–386).

23 (c) VACANCY.—In the case of a vacancy, the Presi-
24 dent may designate an officer or employee who shall act
25 as Director during the vacancy.

1 (d) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be com-
2 pensated at a rate of pay not to exceed the rate payable
3 for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316
4 of title 5, United States Code.

5 **SEC. 5. REGULATORY AUTHORIZATION.**

6 The Director may, after appropriate consultation
7 with representatives of States and units of local govern-
8 ment, establish such rules, regulations, and procedures as
9 are necessary to the exercise of the functions of the Office,
10 and are consistent with the stated purposes of this Act
11 and those of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994
12 (title IV of Public Law 103–322) and the Violence Against
13 Women Act of 2000 (Division B of Public Law 106–386).

14 **SEC. 6. OFFICE STAFF.**

15 The Attorney General shall ensure that there is ade-
16 quate staff to support the Director in carrying out the
17 responsibilities of the Director under this Act.

18 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
20 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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