

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4478

To amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the program of grants for rape prevention education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2005

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Rape Prevention and Edu-
5 cation Grant Program Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) According to the FBI’s 2004 Uniform
9 Crime Report, the only violent crime to show any in-

1 crease from 2003 to 2004 was forcible rape at 0.8
2 percent.

3 (2) In America, 302,091 women and 92,748
4 men are raped each year, and 1 in 6 women and 1
5 in 33 men has experienced an attempted or com-
6 pleted rape as a child or adult.

7 (3) Sexual violence starts very early in life.
8 More than half of all rapes of women (54 percent)
9 occur before age 18; 22 percent of these rapes occur
10 before age 12. For men, 75 percent of all rapes
11 occur before age 18, and 48 percent occur before age
12 12.

13 (4) Victims of sexual violence may experience a
14 variety of long-term physical and psychological con-
15 sequences such as chronic pelvic, head, back and fa-
16 cial pain; gastrointestinal and eating disorders; sub-
17 stance abuse; depression; and suicidal thoughts and
18 attempts. Sexual violence has a devastating impact
19 on individuals, families, communities, and our soci-
20 ety as a whole.

21 (5) Total costs of rape and sexual assault are
22 estimated to be \$127 billion a year in the United
23 States (excluding children), including the loss of pro-
24 ductivity, damage of personal property, use of med-
25 ical and mental health care, police and fire, social/

1 victim services, and negative effect on the victims
2 quality of life.

3 (6) More than two-thirds of rape and sexual as-
4 sault victims are assaulted by someone they know,
5 almost 40 percent by someone they know very well,
6 such as a boyfriend or a spouse. Only 30 percent are
7 sexually assaulted by strangers.

8 **SEC. 3. USE OF ALLOTMENT FOR RAPE PREVENTION EDU-**
9 **CATION.**

10 The first section 393B of the Public Health Service
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 280b–1c) (relating to rape prevention edu-
12 cation) is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as
13 follows:

14 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
16 appropriated to carry out this section \$80,000,000
17 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

18 “(2) NATIONAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCE
19 CENTER ALLOTMENT.—Of the total amount made
20 available under this subsection in each fiscal year,
21 not less than \$1,500,000 shall be available for allot-
22 ment under subsection (b). ”.

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