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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Findings.—Congress finds the following:
(1) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and the implementing regulations of title IX prohibit sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities.

(2) Although title IX requires that schools treat students equally with regard to athletic participation opportunities, athletic scholarships, and the benefits and services provided to athletic teams, female participation rates, especially for girls of color, lag far behind male participation rates. Nationally, for example, boys receive more than 1,000,000 more opportunities to play high school sports than girls. Furthermore, although girls comprise nearly 50 percent of high school students, schools provide them with only 43 percent of athletic opportunities, even though girls want to play in greater numbers.

(3) A recent report from the Women’s Sports Foundation found that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) women still lag behind white women in collegiate sports—14 percent compared to 30 percent, respectively. These disparities are also prevalent at the high school level, with fewer athletic opportunities available to students in heavily minority schools compared to heavily white schools. In a typical heavily minority school, there are only 25
athletic spots available for every 100 students, compared to 58 athletic spots for every 100 students in a typical heavily white school. Further broken down by gender, girls have 82 percent of the athletic opportunities that boys do in a heavily white school, compared to 67 percent for girls in a heavily minority school.

(4) Girl athletes have been found to have higher levels of self-esteem, as well as reduced risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, and breast cancer, compared to girls who do not play sports. In addition, girl athletes are more likely to graduate from high school, score higher on standardized tests, and have higher grades than girls who do not play sports. Girls who play sports in high school go on to earn 7 percent higher annual wages than those who do not play sports, and are more likely to enter the labor force and pursue higher-skill, previously male-dominated positions. Generally, sports participation for women is associated with a lower prevalence of experiencing intimate partner violence, reinforcing that athletic access not only strengthens health, educational, and workplace outcomes, but also personal safety. According to a 2023 report from the Women’s Sports Foundation, girls
who played sports during the first year of the COVID–19 pandemic fared significantly better than girls who did not, reporting higher levels of self-esteem, self-efficacy, and social support, and lower levels of loneliness and depression.

(5) Although the availability of athletic scholarships facilitates access to higher education, many institutions of higher education fail to award proportional athletic financial aid to women, which can affect their long-term employment outcomes and economic security. According to the Department of Education’s Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act data from 2019 through 2020, men received $252,000,000 more in athletic scholarships than women.

(6) Although title IX ensures gender equity in career and technical education, women are severely underrepresented in fields nontraditional to their gender. According to the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, women make up more than 80 percent of workers with training or certification in historically women-dominated occupations that pay less than $30,000 per year, including child care, early childhood education, home care, and cosmetology. Women represent less than 40 percent
of workers trained or certified in high-paying and historically male-dominated fields, including transportation, advanced manufacturing, and construction.

(7) Although title IX promotes gender equity in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (in this section referred to as “STEM”) education, women are disproportionately lost at nearly every stage of the STEM pipeline. A recent report by the National Center for Education Statistics showed that women earned only 32 percent of all STEM degrees in 2017, and nearly ½ of these women were white. Women of color earned about 12 percent of STEM degrees in that same year. Furthermore, in STEM fields where women are particularly underrepresented, such as computing and engineering, women earned an even smaller percentage of degrees, including only 19 percent of computing bachelor’s degrees, and 21 percent of engineering bachelor’s degrees.

(8) Although title IX prohibits sex discrimination in employment in federally funded education programs, according to the National Science Foundation, women only hold 34 percent of all tenured and tenure-track positions and 27 percent of full
professor positions in STEM fields. Furthermore, Black and Latina women, together, hold only 4 percent of all tenured and tenure-track positions and barely over 2 percent of full professor positions in STEM fields. Asian-American women hold around 5 percent of all tenured and tenure-track positions, and less than 3 percent of full professor positions in STEM fields.

(9) Although title IX protects against sex-based harassment and violence, 56 percent of girls and 40 percent of boys in grades 7 through 12 experience sexual harassment each year, and 9 percent of girls and 7 percent of boys in high school experience physical dating violence each year. In addition, more than 60 percent of women and men in college experience sexual harassment each year, and 14 percent of women and 10 percent of men in college experience dating violence. Moreover, these statistics are often higher for marginalized students, including Black and Brown girls and women, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (referred to in this section as “LGBTQI+”) students, pregnant and parenting students, and disabled students.

(10) According to GLSEN, 87 percent of LGBTQI+ students have experienced harassment or
assault based on a personal characteristic, and nearly 66 percent have experienced LGBTQI+-related verbal harassment at school based on sexual orientation. Research has shown that LGBTQI+ students who experience harassment at school are more likely to experience depression and anxiety, to engage in unhealthy and antisocial behaviors, and to have more unexcused absences from school.

(11) Although title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of pregnancy or parenting status, the limited availability of accommodations, including lactation accommodations, excused absences for pregnancy-related medical conditions, and child care needs (including caring for a sick child), is a leading reason that parenting mothers drop out of high school. According to the National Women’s Law Center, only half of teenage mothers earn a high school diploma by the age of 22, compared to 89 percent of women who do not have a child during their teenage years, and one-third of young mothers will never get a diploma or a GED, further limiting continuing opportunities for education and employment.

(12) Although title IX protects against discrimination based on stereotypes of actual or per-
ceived sex, many people carry implicit or uncon-
scious biases that can unintentionally influence atti-
tudes, beliefs, behaviors, and decision-making proc-
esses. Research has shown that unconscious biases
can impact classroom environments, teaching meth-
ods, student evaluations, disciplinary practices, and
career and counseling guidance, which can lead to
discrimination against students based on race, color,
national origin, and disability, particularly for stu-
dents who are pursuing nontraditional fields.

(13) Nationally, the Feminist Majority Founda-
tion estimates 100,000 title IX coordinators are
needed to meet the needs of schools serving children
in prekindergarten through grade 12, local edu-
cational agencies, and postsecondary institutions.
However, in 2016, the Department of Education
only identified 23,000 title IX coordinators nation-
wide. The Feminist Majority Foundation has found
that schools serving children in prekindergarten
through grade 12 rarely have their own title IX co-
ordinators.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) **ESEA definitions.**—The terms “elemen-
tary school”, “institution of higher education”,
“local educational agency”, “school leader”, “sec-
ondary school”, and “State educational agency”
have the meanings given those terms in section 8101
of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
means the Department of Education.

(3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
the Director of the Office for Gender Equity estab-
lished under section 5(a).

(4) EDUCATIONAL ENTITY.—The term “edu-
cational entity” means any of the following entities
that receive Federal funds:

(A) A State educational agency.

(B) A local educational agency.

(C) An institution of higher education.

(D) An elementary school or secondary
school.

(E) Another entity covered by title IX,
such as a laboratory, library, or museum that
provides education programs and activities.

(5) EVIDENCE-BASED.—The term “evidence-
based” has the meaning given the term in clause (i)
or (ii) of section 8101(21)(A) of the Elementary and
Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(21)(A)).

(6) GENDER IDENTITY.—The term “gender identity” means the gender-related identity, appearance, mannerisms, or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, regardless of the individual’s designated sex at birth.

(7) NATIONAL GENDER EQUITY INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term “national gender equity infrastructure” means the horizontal and vertical network of title IX coordinators and title IX allies who work to advance gender equity and eliminate discrimination in the United States.

(8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Education.

(9) SEX.—The term “sex” includes—

(A) a sex stereotype;

(B) pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition;

(C) sexual orientation or gender identity;

and

(D) sex characteristics, including intersex traits.
(10) Sexual orientation.—The term “sexual orientation” means homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality.

(11) Title IX.—The term “title IX” means title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

(12) Title IX ally.—The term “title IX ally” means an individual who—

(A) is an employee at an educational entity (other than a title IX coordinator), a community stakeholder, or an equity expert; and

(B) helps to fully implement title IX.

(13) Title IX coordinator.—The term “title IX coordinator” means a responsible employee, as described in section 106.8(a) of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations, designated to coordinate efforts under title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

SEC. 4. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are to—

(1) advance gender equity in education in the United States;

(2) support educational entities so that such entities have the support to fully implement title IX;
(3) provide title IX coordinators and title IX allies with training, technical assistance, and support to fully carry out their roles and responsibilities;

(4) increase general awareness about the rights and obligations of individuals and entities under title IX;

(5) identify, implement, and disseminate best practices for reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education;

(6) promote educational environments that are safe and free of sexual and sex-based bullying, harassment, and violence;

(7) promote equity in education for students and staff who face discrimination based on multiple and intersectional actual or perceived characteristics, including—

(A) race;

(B) color;

(C) ethnicity;

(D) national origin;

(E) disability;

(F) religion;

(G) age; or

(H) sex; and
(8) promote activities that strengthen the national gender equity infrastructure.

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE FOR GENDER EQUITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an Office for Gender Equity. The Director of the Office for Gender Equity shall be the Special Assistant for Gender Equity, as authorized under section 202(b)(3) of the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3412(b)(3)). The Director of the Office for Gender Equity shall report directly to the Secretary.

(b) DUTIES.—The Office for Gender Equity shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Supporting educational entities in the full implementation of title IX.

(2) Providing title IX coordinators and title IX allies with training, technical assistance, and support to fully carry out their roles and responsibilities.

(3) Providing grants to implement programs and activities that are focused on reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education.

(4) Identifying and disseminating information and evidence-based best practices for reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education.
(5) Maintaining an Office for Gender Equity resource center website to disseminate information and evidence-based best practices for achieving gender equity.

(6) Performing any other activity consistent with achieving the purposes of this Act.

(c) COORDINATION.—To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall coordinate with other relevant Federal offices and agencies, including—

(1) the White House Gender Policy Council;

(2) the White House Domestic Policy Council;

(3) the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education;

(4) the Institute of Education Sciences;

(5) the Women’s Bureau of the Department of Labor;

(6) the Office on Women’s Health of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(7) the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice;

(8) the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice;

(9) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
(10) the Office of Safe and Healthy Students of the Department of Education; and
(11) other entities determined relevant for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 6. SUPPORT FOR TITLE IX COORDINATORS AND TITLE IX ALLIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide coordination, training, technical assistance, and support for title IX coordinators and title IX allies to ensure that educational entities are able to fully implement title IX and reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education.

(b) TITLE IX COORDINATOR TRAINING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) TITLE IX COORDINATOR TRAINING.—
Not less than once a year, the Director shall conduct a training for all title IX coordinators, which shall address the different needs of elementary schools, secondary schools, local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education. The training may be conducted in partnership with a national organization with relevant expertise, and may be completed online or in-person.
(B) **AVAILABILITY TO TITLE IX ALLIES.**—

Each training conducted under subparagraph (A) shall be made available to title IX allies to the maximum extent practicable.

(2) **CONTENTS OF TRAINING.**—The training described in paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

(A) The role and responsibility of title IX coordinators.

(B) Information and evidence-based best practices for increasing awareness about rights and obligations under title IX.

(C) Information and evidence-based best practices for investigating and responding to claims of violations of title IX.

(D) Information and evidence-based best practices for identifying and preventing implicit and explicit sex discrimination in all areas of education, including—

(i) recruitment and admissions;

(ii) teaching practices, textbooks, and curricula;

(iii) campus safety and security;

(iv) financial assistance;
(v) access to facilities, resources, and housing;
(vi) access to course offerings;
(vii) student health services and insurance benefits;
(viii) counseling and career guidance;
(ix) athletics;
(x) discipline policies;
(xi) employment; and
(xii) other areas that the Director determines are relevant for such purposes.

(3) APPLICATION OF TRAINING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall take steps to ensure that the trainings described in paragraph (1)—

(i) are adapted, as necessary, to address issues of sex discrimination at all levels of education;
(ii) are updated with the latest information and evidence-based best practices; and
(iii) address recent trends in sex discrimination.

(B) ATTENTION TO DISCRIMINATION BASED ON MULTIPLE CHARACTERISTICS.—The
Director shall take steps to ensure that such trainings include attention to students who face discrimination based on multiple actual or perceived characteristics, including—

(i) race;
(ii) color;
(iii) ethnicity;
(iv) national origin;
(v) disability;
(vi) religion;
(vii) age; or
(viii) sex.

(C) EVALUATION.—The Director shall—

(i) develop and conduct pre- and post-training evaluations to assess the effectiveness of such trainings in improving the knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of title IX coordinators; and
(ii) use such evaluations to update the title IX coordinator trainings annually and replicate effective models and practices for use by title IX coordinators and title IX allies.

(c) HANDBOOK FOR CONDUCTING TITLE IX COMPLIANCE SELF-EVALUATIONS.—The Director shall develop a
handbook for conducting self-evaluations of compliance
with title IX in all areas of education, as described in sub-
section (b)(2)(D).

(d) Assessment of Support for Title IX Coor-
dinators and Title IX Allies.—The Director shall
collect relevant data and statistics on all title IX coordina-
tors, including demographic information for gender, race,
and ethnicity, salary information, budgets, and primary
roles, in order to make recommendations for improving
title IX coordinator support. The assessment shall also de-
scribe how title IX coordinators work with title IX allies
and others within the national gender equity infrastruc-
ture.

(e) Dissemination.—The Director shall ensure that
the workplace contact information of all title IX coordina-
tors and any training materials or information developed
under this section are made available on the Office for
Gender Equity resource center website described in section
5(b)(5).

SEC. 7. SUPPORT FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) Grants Authorized.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary, acting
through the Director, is authorized to award grants
to eligible entities to support such eligible entities in
fully implementing title IX and reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term “eligible entity” means—

(A) a State educational agency;

(B) a local educational agency;

(C) an institution of higher education; or

(D) a partnership consisting of—

(i) an entity described in subparagraphs (A) through (C); and

(ii) a national organization with relevant expertise, or another entity that the Secretary determines has relevant expertise.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section shall use such funds to carry out programs and activities designed to fully implement title IX and prevent and reduce sex discrimination, including programs and activities that—

(1) increase awareness of and counteract sex stereotypes, biases, and discrimination;

(2) include trainings for students, teachers, principals, other school leaders, faculty, other personnel, and community stakeholders, including title IX allies, to learn about and use best practices for
reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education;

(3) increase access to school, campus, and community resources, facilities, and course offerings;

(4) support title IX coordinators and title IX allies in performing outreach, advocacy, and education about title IX and reducing and preventing sex discrimination;

(5) are aimed at identifying patterns or systemic problems in compliance with title IX;

(6) strengthen prevention education and awareness programs regarding sexual and sex-based harassment and violence;

(7) develop, conduct and analyze evidence-based campus climate and victimization surveys;

(8) include institutional assessment activities to identify areas and causes of gender inequities;

(9) make efforts to improve progress on gender equity indicators as described in subsection (e)(2)(A);

(10) make efforts to improve accuracy in measurement, data collection, and reporting of gender equity indicators as described in subsection (e)(2)(A); and
(11) make efforts to strengthen the national
gender equity infrastructure (which may include in-
stitutions of higher education, State educational
agencies, local educational agencies, and individual
schools), such as by hiring one or more dedicated
employees to serve as title IX coordinators.

(c) APPLICATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a
grant under this section shall submit an application
to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
containing such information as the Secretary may
reasonably require.

(2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each appli-
cation submitted by an eligible entity under this sec-
tion shall include the following:

(A) A description of locally defined and
documented gender equity needs and priorities,
which may include any of the following indica-
tors:

(i) Academic indicators, including per-
formance on State assessments, and enroll-
ment, admission, attrition, time to comple-
tion, and graduation rates.
(ii) Civil rights data, including statistics on bullying, harassment, violence, discipline, and expulsion. 

(iii) Campus climate and victimization data. 

(iv) Employment data. 

(v) Athletics equity data. 

(vi) Attendance and absenteeism data. 

(vii) Evidence of burden on title IX coordinators, including coordinator to student ratio and competing responsibilities. 

(viii) Other documentation of need that the Secretary determines is relevant. 

(B) A description of the evidence that will serve as the basis for the activities that the eligible entity proposes to carry out using grant funds under this section. 

(C) A description of the activities that the eligible entity proposes to carry out using grant funds under this section. 

(D) A description of how the proposed activities will be adapted, as necessary, to meet the needs of students who face discrimination based on actual or perceived multiple characteristics, including—
(i) race;
(ii) color;
(iii) ethnicity;
(iv) national origin;
(v) disability;
(vi) religion;
(vii) age; or
(viii) sex.

(E) A description of how the proposed activities will help the eligible entity fully implement title IX.

(F) A description of a plan for how the proposed activities under this section will continue with local support following completion of the grant period and termination of Federal funding.

(G) A description of how the proposed activities are a significant component of a comprehensive plan for gender equity in education and full implementation of title IX.

(d) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting persons of any sex from participating in any of the programs or activities funded under this section.

(e) Award Basis.—
(1) MERIT REVIEW.—Grants shall be awarded under this section on a competitive basis.

(2) PRIORITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish criteria for determining which eligible entities shall have priority in receiving a grant under this section.

(B) LEVEL OF PRIORITY.—The criteria described in subparagraph (A) may include a consideration of the extent to which the application demonstrates that the eligible entity—

(i) has demonstrated a high need for gender equity assistance based on indicators described in subsection (c)(2)(A) and a high commitment to addressing these issues;

(ii) will address the needs of students who face discrimination based on multiple actual or perceived characteristics, including—

(I) race;

(II) color;

(III) ethnicity;

(IV) national origin;

(V) disability;
(VI) religion;
(VII) age; or
(VIII) sex;
(iii) will address relevant issues of national significance through solutions that can be replicated;
(iv) will implement an institutional change strategy with a long-term impact that will continue to be a central activity of the eligible entity upon termination of the grant;
(v) will serve a high percentage of low-income students;
(vi) will serve a high percentage of racially diverse students;
(vii) will promote outreach to include others in their gender equity training and related activities during the grant period and after the grant ends; and
(viii) will impact as many educational entities as possible to advance title IX implementa-
tion during and after the grant period.

(C) SPECIAL RULE.—To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that grants
awarded under this section, for each fiscal year,

address—

(i) all levels of education, including—

(I) elementary and secondary education;

(II) undergraduate and graduate education;

(III) postdoctoral education and research;

(IV) career and technical education; and

(V) adult education;

(ii) all regions of the United States;

and

(iii) urban, rural, and suburban educational entities.

(f) EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.—

(1) EVALUATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall conduct an evaluation regarding the extent to which the eligible entity made progress on the indicators under subsection (e)(2)(A).
(B) Evaluation.—An eligible entity may work in partnership with the Institute of Education Sciences to conduct such evaluation.

(C) Use by Secretary.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a grant award under this section, an eligible entity shall submit a report to the Secretary summarizing the results of such evaluation. The Secretary shall use those reports to build the research base on promising models for preventing and reducing sex discrimination across all areas and levels of education.

(2) Dissemination.—The Secretary shall coordinate with the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences and other relevant Federal offices and agencies to—

(A) ensure that the results of the activities carried out under this section are made readily available on the Office for Gender Equity resource center website; and

(B) widely disseminate the results described in subparagraph (A) to relevant Federal offices and agencies, educational entities, and the general public.
SEC. 8. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall coordinate with the Special Assistant for Gender Equity, the Assistant Secretary of the Office for Civil Rights of the Department, the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences, other relevant Federal offices and agencies, and relevant non-Federal entities to investigate, identify, and disseminate best practices to fully implement title IX and reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education, including—

(1) the reduction and prevention of sex stereotyping, bias, and discrimination in curricula, textbooks, software, and other educational materials;

(2) the development of policies and programs to—

(A) address and prevent sexual and sex-based harassment and violence;

(B) ensure that schools and campuses are free from threats to the safety of students, teachers, faculty, and personnel; and

(C) ensure athletic programs are equitable;

(3) the development and evaluation of—

(A) counseling and career guidance training; and

(B) programs to reduce and prevent sex stereotyping, bias, and discrimination;
(4) best practices for mitigating implicit bias in teaching, discipline, and all areas of education;

(5) best practices for addressing the needs of students who face discrimination based on multiple actual or perceived characteristics, including—

(A) race;

(B) color;

(C) ethnicity;

(D) national origin;

(E) disability;

(F) religion;

(G) age; or

(H) sex; and

(6) other activities that the Secretary determines are consistent with the purposes of this Act.

(b) DISSEMINATION.—The best practices described under subsection (a) shall be published on the Office for Gender Equity resource center website, as described in section 5(b)(5), and the What Works Clearinghouse website of the Institute of Education Sciences.

SEC. 9. REPORT; DISSEMINATION.

(a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall publish a report on the steps the Department of Education has taken to—
(1) support educational entities in fully implementing title IX and reducing and preventing sex discrimination;

(2) provide coordination, training, and resources for title IX coordinators and title IX allies to fully carry out their roles and responsibilities; and

(3) promote equity in education for students who face discrimination based on multiple actual or perceived characteristics, including—

(A) race;

(B) color;

(C) ethnicity;

(D) national origin;

(E) disability;

(F) religion;

(G) age; or

(H) sex.

(b) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate with the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences and the heads of relevant Federal agencies to ensure that the results of trainings, activities, evaluations, and research developments under this Act are made readily available on the Office for Gender Equity resource center website and disseminated widely to other relevant Federal
agencies and offices, educational entities, and the general public.

SEC. 10. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed—

(1) as modifying any provision of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); or

(2) as affecting the enforcement of such title by the Department of Education, the Department of Justice, or any other Federal agency.

SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) In General.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act $160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

(b) Use.—From amounts made available to carry out this Act for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall use not less than $140,000,000 of such amounts to award grants under section 7.