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To amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

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 “Promoting Alzheimer’s
5 Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDRESSING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN BEST PRACTICES.**
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3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(b) of the Elder Abuse
4 Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(b)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
7 and (C) of paragraph (2) as clauses (i), (ii), and
8 (iii), respectively, and adjusting the margin accord-
9 ingly;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and
11 (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively,
12 and adjusting the margin accordingly;

13 (3) by striking “Not later than” and inserting
14 the following:

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”;

16 (4) in paragraph (1)(B), as so redesignated—

17 (A) in clause (ii), by inserting “, including
18 witnesses who have Alzheimer’s disease and re-
19 lated dementias” after “other legal issues”; and

20 (B) in clause (iii), by striking “elder abuse
21 cases,” and inserting “elder abuse cases (in-
22 cluding victims and witnesses who have Alz-
23 heimer’s disease and related dementias),”; and

24 (5) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(2) TRAINING MATERIALS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In creating or com-
2 piling replication guides and training materials
3 under paragraph (1)(B), the Elder Justice Co-
4 ordinator shall consult with the Secretary of
5 Health and Human Services, State, local, and
6 Tribal adult protective services, aging, social,
7 and human services agencies, Federal, State,
8 local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies, and
9 nationally recognized nonprofit associations
10 with relevant expertise, as appropriate.

11 “(B) UPDATING.—The Elder Justice Coor-
12 dinator shall—

13 “(i) review the best practices identi-
14 fied and replication guides and training
15 materials created or compiled under para-
16 graph (1)(B) to determine if the replica-
17 tion guides or training materials require
18 updating; and

19 “(ii) perform any necessary updating
20 of the replication guides or training mate-
21 rials.”.

22 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
23 section (a) shall—

24 (1) take effect on the date of enactment of this
25 Act; and

1 (2) apply on and after the date that is 1 year
2 after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON OUTREACH.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(c)(2) of the Elder
5 Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C.
6 21711(c)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
8 (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively, and ad-
9 justing the margin accordingly;

10 (2) by striking “a report detailing” and insert-
11 ing the following: “a report—

12 “(A) detailing”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(B) with respect to the report by the At-
15 torney General, including a link to the publicly
16 available best practices identified under sub-
17 section (b)(1)(B) and the replication guides and
18 training materials created or compiled under
19 such subsection.”.

20 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-
21 section (a) shall apply with respect to the report under
22 section 101(c)(2) of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Pros-
23 ecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(c)(2)) submitted during the

- 1 second year beginning after the date of enactment of this
- 2 Act, and each year thereafter.

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