

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct research on mass violence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ISAKSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 the “Expanding Research
5 on Mass Violence Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MASS VIOLENCE RESEARCH.**

7 Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended by inserting after
9 section 393D the following:

1 **“SEC. 393E. MASS VIOLENCE RESEARCH.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
3 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
4 vention, shall engage in activities to address mass violence.
5 Such activities shall include—

6 “(1) pilot projects in States participating in the
7 National Violent Death Reporting System that focus
8 on improving the collection, completeness, and shar-
9 ing of information;

10 “(2) research on the nature of mass violence
11 and factors that contribute to mass violence, includ-
12 ing psychological and sociological factors;

13 “(3) research on methods and instruments for
14 identifying and predicting perpetrators of mass vio-
15 lence;

16 “(4) research on methods of intervention with
17 respect to, and prevention of, mass violence;

18 “(5) the development and dissemination of
19 standardized assessment tools for mass violence risk;
20 and

21 “(6) research into copycat and contagion phe-
22 nomena with respect to mass violence.

23 “(b) MASS VIOLENCE DEFINED.—For purposes of
24 this section, the term ‘mass violence’ means a physical as-
25 sault carried out with implements (which may include
26 knives, clubs, motor vehicles, firearms, or explosives) re-

1 sulting in injury or death to 3 or more victims, not includ-
2 ing the perpetrator. Such term does not include identifi-
3 ably gang-related, drug-related, or organized crime-related
4 incidents.

5 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
6 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
7 priated \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
8 2024.

9 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No activity con-
10 ducted under this section shall be construed as advocating
11 or promoting gun control within the meaning of section
12 210 of division B of Public Law 115–245.”.