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# H. R. 6685

To provide for a matching funds waiver for formula grants and subgrants under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2020

Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. CLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “Protect Our Women  
5 and Waive Emergency Requirements Act” or the  
6 “POWER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATCHING FUNDS WAIVER FOR FORMULA GRANTS**  
2 **AND SUBGRANTS UNDER THE FAMILY VIO-**  
3 **LENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT.**

4 (a) **WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR AWARDED**  
5 **GRANTS AND SUBGRANTS.**—At the request of a State (as  
6 defined in section 302 of the Family Violence Prevention  
7 and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10402)), the Secretary of  
8 Health and Human Services shall waive—

9 (1) the non-Federal contributions requirement  
10 under subsection (c)(4) of section 306 of the Family  
11 Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.  
12 10406) with respect to the grants and subgrants  
13 awarded in fiscal years 2019 and 2020 to such State  
14 and the eligible entities within such State under  
15 such section or section 308 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 10408); and

17 (2) the reporting requirements required under  
18 such subgrants and grants that relate to such non-  
19 Federal contributions requirement.

20 (b) **WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS**  
21 **AWARDED AFTER DATE OF ENACTMENT.**—

22 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (c)(4) of section  
23 306 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services  
24 Act (42 U.S.C. 10406) shall not apply to a qualified  
25 grant during the period of a public health emergency  
26 declared pursuant to section 319 of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) resulting from  
2 the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 (2) QUALIFIED GRANT DEFINED.—In this sub-  
4 section, the term “qualified grant” means a grant or  
5 subgrant awarded—

6 (A) after the date of the enactment of this  
7 section; and

8 (B) under section 306, 308, or 309 of the  
9 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act  
10 (42 U.S.C. 10406; 10408; 10409).

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