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H. R. 1649

To direct the Attorney General to establish a grant program to provide for the qualified accreditation and re-certification of local law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BACON, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Ms. SHERRILL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To direct the Attorney General to establish a grant program to provide for the qualified accreditation and re-certification of local law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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 “Establishing Accredita-
5 tion Grants for Law Enforcement Act of 2023” or the
6 “EAGLE Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2 **AGENCY ACCREDITATION.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 90 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-
5 eral shall establish a grant program (in this Act referred
6 to as the “Program”) to provide for the qualified accredi-
7 tation or re-certification of a local law enforcement agency.

8 (b) **GRANT AUTHORITY.**—In carrying out the Pro-
9 gram, the Attorney General shall award a grant to an eli-
10 gible recipient under subsection (c).

11 (c) **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.**—The Attorney General
12 shall award a grant under the Program to a local law en-
13 forcement agency that submits an application pursuant to
14 subsection (d).

15 (d) **APPLICATION.**—To be eligible under the Pro-
16 gram, a local law enforcement agency shall submit to the
17 Attorney General an application that demonstrates—

18 (1) the financial need of the local law enforce-
19 ment agency; and

20 (2) amount requested by the local law enforce-
21 ment agency, including amount to be spent on—

22 (A) accreditation or re-certification fees;

23 (B) on-site assessment charges; and

24 (C) extension fees.

25 (e) **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.**—Grant funds awarded
26 under the Program may only be used to assist in the quali-

1 fied accreditation or re-certification of a local law enforce-
2 ment agency.

3 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Pro-
5 gram \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

6 (g) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Funds made avail-
7 able to carry out the Program shall remain available until
8 expended.

9 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 (1) QUALIFIED ACCREDITATION OR RE-CERTIFI-
11 CATION.—The term “qualified accreditation or re-
12 certification” means accreditation or re-certification
13 of a local law enforcement agency by a professional
14 law enforcement organization involved in the devel-
15 opment of standards of accreditation for law en-
16 forcement agencies at the national, State, regional,
17 or Tribal level, such as the Commission on Accredi-
18 tation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

19 (2) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The
20 term “local law enforcement agency” means an
21 agency of a unit of local government that is author-
22 ized by law to supervise the prevention, detection, in-
23 vestigation, or prosecution of any violation of crimi-
24 nal law and that has less than 350 employees.

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