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To require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CASTRO of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Police Reporting Infor-
5 mation, Data, and Evidence Act of 2015” or the “PRIDE
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER-**
2 **SHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General
4 shall make grants to eligible States and Indian tribes to
5 be used for the activities described in subsection (c).

6 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to be eligible to re-
8 ceive a grant under this section a State or Indian
9 tribe shall—

10 (A) report incidents in accordance with
11 paragraph (2); and

12 (B) demonstrate that the use-of-force pol-
13 icy for law enforcement officers in the State or
14 Indian tribe is publicly available.

15 (2) REPORTING OF INCIDENTS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, and
18 each year thereafter, and subject to subpara-
19 graph (C), a State or Indian tribe shall report
20 to the Attorney General information on—

21 (i) any incident involving the shooting
22 of a civilian by a law enforcement officer;

23 (ii) any incident involving the shooting
24 of a law enforcement officer by a civilian;

25 (iii) any incident in which use of force
26 by a law enforcement officer against a ci-

1 vilian results in serious bodily injury (as
2 defined in section 2246 of title 18, United
3 States Code) or death; and

4 (iv) any incident in which use of force
5 by a civilian against a law enforcement of-
6 ficer results in serious bodily injury (as de-
7 fined in section 2246 of title 18, United
8 States Code) or death.

9 (B) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—For each
10 incident reported under subparagraph (A), the
11 information reported to the Attorney General
12 shall include, at a minimum—

13 (i) the gender, race, ethnicity, and age
14 of each individual who was shot, injured,
15 or killed;

16 (ii) the date, time, and location of the
17 incident;

18 (iii) whether the civilian was armed,
19 and, if so, the type of weapon the civilian
20 had;

21 (iv) the type of force used against the
22 officer, the civilian, or both, including the
23 types of weapons used;

24 (v) the number of officers involved in
25 the incident;

1 (vi) the number of civilians involved in
2 the incident; and

3 (vii) a brief description regarding the
4 circumstances surrounding the incident.

5 (C) INCIDENTS REPORTED UNDER DEATH
6 IN CUSTODY REPORTING ACT.—A State is not
7 required to include in a report under subpara-
8 graph (A) an incident reported by the State in
9 accordance with section 20104(a)(2) of the Vio-
10 lent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act
11 of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13704(a)(2)) before the
12 date of the report under subparagraph (A).

13 (c) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A grant made under
14 this section may be used by a State or Indian tribe for—

15 (1) the cost of complying with the reporting re-
16 quirements described in subsection (b)(2);

17 (2) the cost of establishing necessary systems
18 required to investigate and report incidents as re-
19 quired under subsection (b)(2);

20 (3) public awareness campaigns designed to
21 gain information from the public on use of force
22 against police officers, including shootings, which
23 may include tip lines, hotlines, and public service an-
24 nouncements; and

1 (4) use of force training for law enforcement
2 agencies and personnel, including de-escalation and
3 bias training.

4 (d) INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND REVIEW.—Not later
5 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and
6 each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall conduct
7 an audit and review of the information provided under
8 subsection (b)(2) to determine whether each State or In-
9 dian tribe receiving a grant under this section is in compli-
10 ance with the requirements of this section.

11 (e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, and each year
14 thereafter, the Attorney General shall publish, and
15 make available to the public, a report containing the
16 data reported to the Attorney General under sub-
17 section (b)(2).

18 (2) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—Nothing in this
19 subsection shall be construed to supersede the re-
20 quirements or limitations under section 552a of title
21 5, United States Code (commonly known as the
22 “Privacy Act of 1974”).

23 (f) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in
25 coordination with the Director of the Federal Bureau of

1 Investigation, shall issue guidance on best practices relat-
2 ing to establishing standard data collection systems that
3 capture the information required to be reported under sub-
4 section (b)(2), which shall include standard and consistent
5 definitions for terms, including the term “use of force”.

6 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General
8 such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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