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To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to State and local law enforcement agencies for research, training, and acquiring non-lethal force methods.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. RICHMOND) 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. THE OFFICE OF NON-LETHAL TECHNOLOGIES**
4 **AND TECHNIQUES.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Attorney General shall estab-
6 lish the Office of Non-Lethal Technologies and Techniques
7 (“Office”) within the Department of Justice not later than
8 90 days after enactment.

1 (b) DUTIES.—The Office shall coordinate, develop,
2 and refine non-lethal technologies and techniques in co-
3 ordination with the Department of Homeland Security,
4 the Department of Defense, and other related agencies.

5 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Appro-
6 priations are authorized to be made available to the Office
7 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021 from amounts
8 otherwise made available to the Department of Justice for
9 such fiscal years, to carry out this section.

10 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF NON-LETHAL**
11 **FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

12 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Office may make grants to
13 State and local law enforcement agencies to—

14 (1) research, identify, develop, and refine the
15 use of non-lethal force technologies, strategies, and
16 techniques for use by law enforcement officers in
17 carrying out their duties;

18 (2) provide specialized training to law enforce-
19 ment officers on the de-escalation of conflicts and
20 the use of non-lethal force technologies, strategies,
21 and techniques; and

22 (3) purchase non-lethal force technologies.

23 (b) APPLICATION.—The chief executive officer of a
24 law enforcement agency seeking a grant under this section
25 shall submit to the Office an application at such time, in

1 such manner, and containing such additional information
2 as the Office may reasonably require.

3 (c) **MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**—The portion of the
4 costs of a program, project, or activity provided by a grant
5 under subsection (a) may not exceed 75 percent, unless
6 the Office waives, wholly or in part, the requirement under
7 this subsection of a non-Federal contribution to the costs
8 of a program, project, or activity.

9 (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

11 (1) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2017 for the
12 authority granted in subsection (a)(1);

13 (2) \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
14 through 2020; and

15 (3) \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

16 **SEC. 3. IDENTIFICATION OF SAVINGS.**

17 The Administrator of the General Services Adminis-
18 tration shall identify savings and direct the savings to off-
19 set the cost of the grant program under section 1.

20 **SEC. 4.**

21 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to provide
22 authority to the Department of Justice to impose require-
23 ments or restrictions on law enforcement agencies other-
24 wise within the discretion of such agency.

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