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Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. COSTA, Ms. FOXX, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. BICE, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 7, 2024]

A BILL

To require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, 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 “Improving Law Enforce-*
5 *ment Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act of*
6 *2024”.*

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 *Congress finds the following:*

9 (1) *There has been a rise in anti-police rhetoric*
10 *and a corresponding rise in violence against law en-*
11 *forcement officers.*

12 (2) *In 2022, a total of 60 police officers were fe-*
13 *loniously killed in the line of duty.*

14 (3) *Nearly 30 percent of police officer killings in*
15 *2022 were caused by unprovoked attacks or ambushes*
16 *on officers.*

17 (4) *Law enforcement officers bravely put them-*
18 *selves at risk for the betterment of society.*

19 (5) *A data collection that represents the full cir-*
20 *cumstances surrounding violent attacks and ambush*
21 *attacks on law enforcement officers is vital for the*
22 *provision of needed Federal resources to Federal,*
23 *State, and local law enforcement officers.*

24 (6) *Police suffer assaults and other offenses that*
25 *do not rise to the level of Law Enforcement Officers*

1 *Killed and Assaulted or National Incident-Based Re-*
2 *porting System reporting due to the frequency of such*
3 *incidents, lower risk to officers, and minimal admin-*
4 *istrative resources to report such frequent events.*

5 (7) *The mental health of law enforcement officers*
6 *has suffered due to overwork, recruitment issues, and*
7 *the general stress of their work.*

8 (8) *The people of the United States will always*
9 *remember the victims of these hateful attacks against*
10 *law enforcement officers and stand in solidarity with*
11 *individuals affected by these senseless tragedies and*
12 *incidents of hate that have affected law enforcement*
13 *communities and their families.*

14 (9) *The United States must demonstrate to its*
15 *brave law enforcement officers that they are impor-*
16 *tant, valued, and respected.*

17 (10) *Congress has made a commitment to help-*
18 *ing communities protect the lives of their police offi-*
19 *cers, as evidenced by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership*
20 *Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Public*
21 *Law 114–155; 130 Stat. 389) and other laws.*

22 (11) *Subsection (c) of the Uniform Federal*
23 *Crime Reporting Act of 1988 (34 U.S.C. 41303(c)) re-*
24 *quires the Attorney General to “acquire, collect, clas-*
25 *sify, and preserve national data on Federal criminal*

1 *offenses as part of the Uniform Crime Reports” and*
2 *requires all Federal departments and agencies that*
3 *investigate criminal activity to “report details about*
4 *crime within their respective jurisdiction to the Attor-*
5 *ney General in a uniform matter and on a form pre-*
6 *scribed by the Attorney General”.*

7 **SEC. 3. ATTACKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RE-**
8 **PORTING REQUIREMENT.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the*
10 *date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in con-*
11 *sultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-*
12 *tigation, the Director of the National Institute of Justice,*
13 *and the Director of the Criminal Justice Information Serv-*
14 *ices Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall*
15 *submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and*
16 *the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-*
17 *tives a report that includes—*

18 *(1) the number of offenders that intentionally*
19 *target law enforcement officers because of their status*
20 *as law enforcement officers;*

21 *(2) the number of incidents reported to the Law*
22 *Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Col-*
23 *lection that occur through the coordinated actions of*
24 *2 or more parties;*

1 (3) a description of the Federal response to am-
2 bushes and violent attacks on Federal law enforcement
3 officers;

4 (4) a detailed survey of what State and local re-
5 sponses are to ambushes and violent attacks on State
6 and local law enforcement officers;

7 (5) recommendations for improving State, local,
8 and Federal responses to ambushes and violent at-
9 tacks on law enforcement officers;

10 (6) a detailed survey of Federal and State-based
11 training programs that law enforcement officers re-
12 ceive in preparation for violent attacks, including
13 ambush attacks;

14 (7) an analysis of the effectiveness of the pro-
15 grams described in paragraph (6) in preparing law
16 enforcement officers for violent attacks, including am-
17 bush attacks;

18 (8) recommendations on how to improve State,
19 local, and Federal training programs for law enforce-
20 ment officers relating to ambush attacks;

21 (9) an analysis of, with respect to the Patrick
22 Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership under part Y of
23 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
24 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10530 et seq.)—

1 (A) the efficacy of the Partnership in dis-
2 tributing protective gear to law enforcement offi-
3 cers across the United States, including any lo-
4 cation-specific limitations to the distribution
5 under such Partnership; and

6 (B) the general limitations of the Partner-
7 ship, including any location-specific limitations
8 to the distributions under the Partnership, con-
9 sidering the fact that law enforcement officers
10 are suffering from ambush attacks;

11 (10) an analysis of the ability of the Department
12 of Justice to combine the Law Enforcement Officers
13 Killed and Assaulted Data Collection and a 09C Jus-
14 tifiable Homicide report for officer-involved shooting
15 reports and any roadblocks to producing a clear re-
16 port with such information;

17 (11) an analysis of the ability of the Criminal
18 Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of
19 Investigation to expand data collection to include a
20 suspect offender's level of injury at the time of a re-
21 ported Law Enforcement Officers Killed and As-
22 saulted Data Collection incident;

23 (12) an analysis of the existence and extent of,
24 and reasons for, disparities in the availability and
25 reporting of data between—

1 (A) data relating to ambush attacks against
2 law enforcement officers; and

3 (B) other types of violent crime data; and

4 (13) an analysis of any additional legislative
5 tools or authorities that may be helpful or necessary
6 to assist in deterring ambush attacks against law en-
7 forcement officers.

8 (b) *DEVELOPMENT.*—In developing the report required
9 under subsection (a), the Attorney General, the Director of
10 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Na-
11 tional Institute of Justice, and the Director of the Criminal
12 Justice Information Services Division of the Federal Bu-
13 reau of Investigation, shall consult relevant stakeholders, in-
14 cluding—

15 (1) Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforce-
16 ment agencies; and

17 (2) nongovernmental organizations, inter-
18 national organizations, academies, or other entities.

19 **SEC. 4. AGGRESSION AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**
20 **CERS REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 270 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in con-
23 sultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
24 tigation and the Director of the National Institute of Jus-
25 tice, shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the

1 *Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House*
2 *of Representatives a report on—*

3 (1) *an analysis of the ability to implement a*
4 *new category in the Uniform Crime Reporting Sys-*
5 *tem and the National Incident-Based Reporting Sys-*
6 *tem on aggressive actions, conduct, or other trauma-*
7 *inducing incidents against law enforcement officers*
8 *that, as of the date of enactment of this Act, are not*
9 *reported in such systems;*

10 (2) *the level of detail the category described in*
11 *paragraph (1) would include and the standard of evi-*
12 *dence that would be used for any reported incidents;*

13 (3) *an analysis of how to engage State and local*
14 *law enforcement agencies in reporting the data de-*
15 *scribed in paragraph (1), despite the fact that such*
16 *data is beyond the standard crime-based reporting to*
17 *the systems described in paragraph (1);*

18 (4) *an analysis of potential uses by the Depart-*
19 *ment of Justice and any component agencies of the*
20 *Department of Justice of the data described in para-*
21 *graph (1);*

22 (5) *an analysis of the existence and extent of,*
23 *and reasons for, disparities in the availability and*
24 *reporting of data between—*

1 *tice, shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the*
2 *Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House*
3 *of Representatives a report on—*

4 (1) *the types, frequency, and severity of mental*
5 *health and stress-related responses of law enforcement*
6 *officers to aggressive actions or other trauma-induc-*
7 *ing incidents against law enforcement officers;*

8 (2) *mental health and stress-related resources or*
9 *programs that are available to law enforcement offi-*
10 *cers at the Federal, State, and local levels, especially*
11 *peer-to-peer programs;*

12 (3) *the extent to which law enforcement officers*
13 *use the resources or programs described in paragraph*
14 *(2);*

15 (4) *the availability of, or need for, mental health*
16 *screening within Federal, State, and local law en-*
17 *forcement agencies; and*

18 (5) *additional legislative tools or authorities that*
19 *may be helpful or necessary to assist in assessing,*
20 *monitoring, and improving the mental health and*
21 *wellness of Federal, State, and local law enforcement*
22 *officers.*

23 (b) *DEVELOPMENT.*—*In developing the report required*
24 *under subsection (a), the Attorney General, the Director of*
25 *the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of*

1 *the National Institute of Justice shall consult relevant*
2 *stakeholders, including—*

3 (1) *Federal, State, Tribal and local law enforce-*
4 *ment agencies; and*

5 (2) *nongovernmental organizations, inter-*
6 *national organizations, academies, or other entities.*

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