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H. R. 6185

[Report No. 112–661, Part I]

To improve security at State and local courthouses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. COBLE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GOWDY, and Mr. AMODEI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Additional sponsors: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SABLAN, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington

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Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary

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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Local Courthouse Safe-
5 ty Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECURITY TRAINING.**

7 Part D of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
8 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3741 et seq.) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 403. PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW EN-**
11 **FORCEMENT AND ENSURING OFFICER RESIL-**
12 **IENCE AND SURVIVABILITY.**

13 “The Director may carry out a training and technical
14 assistance program designed to teach employees of State,
15 local, and tribal law enforcement agencies how to antici-
16 pate, survive, and respond to violent encounters during the
17 course of their duties, including duties relating to security
18 at State, county, and tribal courthouses. If the Director
19 offers a training program specifically designed to train
20 participants on courthouse security issues, preference for
21 admission into such program shall be given to employees
22 of jurisdictions that have magnetometers available for use
23 at their courthouses.”.

24 **SEC. 3. STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE.**

25 The State Justice Institute Act of 1984 is amended—

1 (1) in section 203(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
2 10702(b)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph
3 (A), by inserting “, safe,” after “a fair”; and

4 (2) in section 206 (42 U.S.C. 10705)—

5 (A) in subsection (c)—

6 (i) in paragraph (14)—

7 (I) by inserting “to” before “con-
8 duct”; and

9 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

10 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (15)

11 as paragraph (16); and

12 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (14)

13 the following:

14 “(15) to improve the safety and security of
15 State and local courts; and”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(g) MAGNETOMETERS.—In the case of a grant
18 awarded under this section to be used as described in sub-
19 section (c)(15), if the State or local court applying for the
20 grant does not have magnetometers available for use, not
21 less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 of the matching
22 fund required under subsection (d) of the State or local
23 court shall be used to acquire a magnetometer.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SECURITY EQUIPMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 5 of
3 title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding after
4 section 559 the following:

5 **“§ 560. Surplus security equipment for State and**
6 **local courts**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 “(1) the term ‘surplus security equipment’
9 means surplus property that is used to detect weap-
10 ons, including metal detectors, wands, and baggage
11 screening devices; and

12 “(2) the term ‘qualifying State or local court-
13 house’ means a courthouse of a State or local gov-
14 ernment that has less security equipment than the
15 security needs of the courthouse require.

16 “(b) DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS SECURITY EQUIP-
17 MENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of this subchapter, the Administrator of
20 General Services shall ensure that a qualifying State
21 or local courthouse has an opportunity to request to
22 receive surplus security equipment for use at the
23 qualifying State or local courthouse before the sur-
24 plus security equipment is made available to any
25 other individual or entity under this subchapter.

26 “(2) DISPOSAL.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), upon request by qualifying State or
3 local courthouse for surplus security equipment
4 for use at a qualifying State or local court-
5 house, the surplus security equipment shall be
6 made available to the qualifying State or local
7 courthouse without cost, except for any costs of
8 shipping, handling, and maintenance.

9 “(B) MULTIPLE REQUESTS.—If more than
10 1 qualifying State or local courthouse requests
11 a particular piece of surplus security equip-
12 ment, the surplus security equipment shall be
13 distributed based on need, as determined by the
14 Administrator of General Services, with priority
15 given to a qualifying State or local courthouse
16 that has no security equipment.”.

17 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

18 The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United
19 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
20 ing to section 559 the following:

 “560. Surplus security equipment for State and local courts.”.

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