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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Investigative Assist-
5 ance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION OF MASS KILLING OR ATTEMPTED**
2 **MASS KILLING AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES.**

3 Title 28, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in section 530C(b)(1)(L)(i), by striking
5 “2,000,000” and inserting “\$3,000,000”;

6 (2) in section 530C(b)(4), by adding at the end
7 the following: “The authority to conduct or assist in
8 investigations includes the authority to deploy tac-
9 tical response, command and control, and other cri-
10 sis-management assets of the Bureau, as appro-
11 priate; and any such conduct or assistance shall be
12 understood presumptively to be within the scope of
13 Federal office or employment.”;

14 (3) in section 540A—

15 (A) in the section heading, by striking
16 “**Investigation of violent crimes**
17 **against travelers**” and inserting “**Inves-**
18 **tigation of certain violent crimes**”;

19 (B) in subsection (a), by inserting “, in the
20 investigation of violent acts and shootings oc-
21 ccurring in venues such as schools, colleges, uni-
22 versities, non-Federal office buildings, malls,
23 and other public places, and in the investigation
24 of mass killings and attempted mass killings”
25 after “traveler”; and

1 (C) in subsection (c), by adding the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph at the end:

3 “(4) ‘mass killings’ means 3 or more killings in
4 a single incident.”; and

5 (4) in the table of sections at the beginning of
6 chapter 33, by striking the item relating to section
7 540A and inserting the following:

“540A. Investigation of certain violent crimes.”.

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