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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Police Reporting Infor-

mation, Data, and Evidence Act of 2015” or the “PRIDE

Act”.

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

(a) Grants Authorized.—The Attorney General shall make grants to eligible States and Indian tribes to be used for the activities described in subsection (c).

(b) Eligibility.—

(1) In general.—In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section a State or Indian tribe shall—

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

(B) demonstrate that the use-of-force policy for law enforcement officers in the State or Indian tribe is publicly available.

(2) Reporting of incidents.—

(A) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, and subject to subparagraph (C), a State or Indian tribe shall report to the Attorney General information on—

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

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

(iii) any incident in which use of force by a law enforcement officer against a ci-
vilian results in serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code) or death; and

(iv) any incident in which use of force by a civilian against a law enforcement officer results in serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code) or death.

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

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

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

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

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

(v) the number of officers involved in the incident;
(vi) the number of civilians involved in
the incident; and

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

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

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

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

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

(3) public awareness campaigns designed to
gain information from the public on use of force
against police officers, including shootings, which
may include tip lines, hotlines, and public service an-
nouncements; and
(4) use of force training for law enforcement agencies and personnel, including de-escalation and bias training.

(d) INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall conduct an audit and review of the information provided under subsection (b)(2) to determine whether each State or Indian tribe receiving a grant under this section is in compliance with the requirements of this section.

(e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall publish, and make available to the public, a report containing the data reported to the Attorney General under subsection (b)(2).

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

(f) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Director of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, shall issue guidance on best practices relating to establishing standard data collection systems that capture the information required to be reported under subsection (b)(2), which shall include standard and consistent definitions for terms, including the term “use of force”.

(g) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.