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H. R. 6268

To direct the Attorney General to establish a definition of the term “gang”,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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the term “gang”, 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 “Reducing Gangs and
5 Recidivism Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

7 The Director shall provide technical assistance to
8 States in implementing best practices for States receiving
9 grants under a program of the Department of Justice, a

1 purpose of which is to combat gangs (as such term is de-
2 fined pursuant to section 3).

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF GANG.**

4 The Attorney General, in consultation with the heads
5 of appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, shall es-
6 tablish a definition of the term “gang”, which shall be
7 used by all such Federal agencies for the purpose of any
8 report produced by such agencies related to gangs.

9 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF METRICS TO MEASURE DOJ**
10 **EFFECTIVENESS IN COMBATING GANGS.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General shall
12 establish metrics and standards to measure the effective-
13 ness of the programs of the Department of Justice in com-
14 bating gangs (as such term is defined pursuant to section
15 3).

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter,
18 the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report
19 describing the effectiveness of the programs referred to
20 in subsection (a) using the metrics developed pursuant to
21 that subsection.

22 **SEC. 5. BJS REPORT ON RECIDIVISM.**

23 Part C of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
24 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3731 et seq.) is
25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 305. REPORT ON RECIDIVISM.**

2 “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter, the Direc-
4 tor shall submit to Congress a report on recidivism.”.

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