

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6505

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2016

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

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 “Andrew Joseph III
5 Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Andrew Joseph III, a 14-year-old boy, was
2 killed as he tried to cross Interstate 4 after being
3 ejected and transported from the Florida State Fair
4 in Tampa on February 7, 2014.

5 (2) Andrew Joseph III, of Riverview, Florida,
6 was stopped by Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
7 deputies while attending the Tampa Fairgrounds
8 during the Florida State Fair's annual Student Day.

9 (3) It is believed that law enforcement officials
10 wrongfully identified Andrew Joseph III as a partici-
11 pant in an unruly and violent stampede.

12 (4) Andrew Joseph III was detained by law en-
13 forcement officials, and eventually taken two miles
14 from the fair by patrol car and left unattended, in
15 an unknown area, surrounded by four major roads.

16 (5) At no point during detainment, search, in-
17 terrogation, ejection, or transportation, were Andrew
18 Joseph III's parents contacted by any law enforce-
19 ment official.

20 (6) Dropped from the patrol car in an unfa-
21 miliar neighborhood, Andrew was struck and killed
22 by a car while trying to cross Interstate 4.

23 (7) Tragic incidents, like the death of Andrew
24 Joseph III, can be prevented if law enforcement
25 knows that any acts of brutality or civil rights viola-

1 tions are being monitored by independent civilian re-
2 view boards.

3 (8) In the name of Andrew’s bereaved parents
4 and a deeply saddened community, in the hope of
5 avoiding any similar calamity, and in recognition of
6 the fundamental precept that Black Lives Matter,
7 independent civilian review boards will provide im-
8 portant oversight to ensure that a tragedy such as
9 this never happens again.

10 **SEC. 3. INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD REQUIRE-**
11 **MENT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first fiscal year
13 that begins after the date that is one year after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, in order to be eligible to
15 receive funds (in the form of a grant, subaward, or con-
16 tract) under subpart 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus
17 Crime Control or Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
18 3750 et seq.), a jurisdiction shall have in place an inde-
19 pendent civilian review board for the purpose of reviewing
20 allegations of brutality and civil rights violations made
21 against law enforcement officers of the law enforcement
22 agency of that jurisdiction.

23 (b) REALLOCATION.—Amounts not allocated under
24 the program referred to in subsection (a) to a jurisdiction
25 for failure to comply with subsection (a) shall be reallo-

- 1 cated under that program to jurisdictions that have not
- 2 failed to comply with such subsection.

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