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H. R. 7897

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide a grant for research and training in the operation or establishment of an implicit bias training program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2020

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Bias In Automobile
5 Stops Act of 2020” or “BIAS Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPLICIT BIAS RESEARCH AND TRAINING GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
3 shall make grants to institutions of higher education (as
4 such term is defined in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) for research and
6 training in the operation or establishment of an implicit
7 bias training program as it relates to racial profiling at
8 traffic stops.

9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
10 under this section, an institution of higher education
11 shall—

12 (1) have an active research program or dem-
13 onstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that
14 the applicant is beginning a research program to
15 study implicit bias as it relates to racial profiling be-
16 fore and during traffic stops; and

17 (2) partner with State and local police depart-
18 ments to conduct the research described in para-
19 graph (1) and carry out the implementation of im-
20 plicit bias training with State and local police de-
21 partments.

22 (c) REPORT.—No later than 1 year after a grant has
23 been awarded under this section, the institution of higher
24 education awarded the grant shall submit to the Com-
25 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
26 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,

1 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report sum-
2 marizing the research on implicit bias as it relates to racial
3 profiling before and during traffic stops, and recommenda-
4 tions on effective interventions and trainings.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each
7 fiscal year to carry out this section.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “implicit
9 bias training program” means a program that looks at the
10 attitudes, stereotypes, and lenses human beings develop
11 through various experiences in life that can unconsciously
12 affect how they interact with one another.

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