

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 413

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to promote behavioral health crisis response training among law enforcement officers.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Behavioral Health Cri-  
5 sis Response Improvements Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING**  
 2 **AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime  
 4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101  
 5 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART OO—BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RE-**  
 7 **SPONSE TRAINING AMONG LAW ENFORCE-**  
 8 **MENT OFFICERS.**

9 **“SEC. 3051. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TRAIN-**  
 10 **ING AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

11 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
 13 the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services;

14 “(2) the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State,  
 15 local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency;  
 16 and

17 “(3) the term ‘training provider’ means a per-  
 18 son with which, using funds from a grant awarded  
 19 under this section, an eligible entity contracts for be-  
 20 havioral health crisis response training for law en-  
 21 forcement officers.

22 “(b) GRANTS.—

23 “(1) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Di-  
 24 rector may make grants on a competitive basis to el-  
 25 igible entities to assist those eligible entities in ac-

1       quiring behavioral health crisis response training for  
2       law enforcement officers.

3               “(2) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring  
4       a grant under this section shall submit to the Direc-  
5       tor an application at such time, in such manner, and  
6       containing or accompanied by such information, as  
7       the Director may reasonably require.

8               “(3) QUALIFICATION STANDARDS.—The Direc-  
9       tor shall establish and publish qualification stand-  
10       ards for training providers.”.

11       (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
12       1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
13       Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)) is amended by  
14       adding at the end the following:

15               “(29) There are authorized to be appropriated to  
16       carry out part OO \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
17       2020 through 2022.”.

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