

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3984

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## AN ACT

To amend the State Justice Institute Act of 1984 to authorize the State Justice Institute to provide awards to certain organizations to establish a State judicial threat intelligence and resource center.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Countering Threats  
3 and Attacks on Our Judges Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       Section 202 of the State Justice Institute Act of 1984  
6 (42 U.S.C. 10701) is amended—

7           (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the  
8 end;

9           (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at  
10 the end and inserting “; and”; and

11           (3) by adding at the end the following:

12           “(9) ‘eligible organization’ means a national  
13 nonprofit organization that—

14           “(A) provides technical assistance and  
15 training on, and has expertise and national-level  
16 experience in, judicial security and safety at the  
17 State and local levels;

18           “(B) has experience in courthouse design  
19 and courthouse security design standards;

20           “(C) has an understanding of State judi-  
21 cial operations and public access to judicial  
22 services; and

23           “(D) has experience working with a wide  
24 array of different judges and court systems, in-  
25 cluding an understanding of the challenges fac-  
26 ing trial courts, appellate courts, rural courts,

1           and limited-jurisdiction courts at the State and  
2           local levels.”.

3 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE JUDICIAL THREAT IN-**  
4 **TELLIGENCE AND RESOURCE CENTER.**

5           Section 206(c) of the State Justice Institute Act of  
6 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10705(c)) is amended—

7           (1) in paragraph (14), by striking “and” at the  
8           end;

9           (2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-  
10          graph (16); and

11          (3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-  
12          lowing:

13               “(15) to provide financial and technical support  
14               to eligible organizations to establish, implement, and  
15               operate a State judicial threat and intelligence re-  
16               source center to—

17                       “(A) provide technical assistance and  
18                       training around judicial security, including—

19                               “(i) providing judicial officer safety  
20                               education and training for judicial officers,  
21                               courts, and local law enforcement;

22                               “(ii) creating resources and guides  
23                               around judicial security; and

24                               “(iii) providing physical security as-  
25                               sessments for courts, homes, and other fa-

1           cilities where judicial officers and staff  
2           conduct court-related business;

3           “(B) proactively monitor threats to the  
4           safety of State and local judges and court staff;

5           “(C) coordinate with Federal, State, and  
6           local law enforcement agencies to mitigate  
7           threats to the safety of State and local judges  
8           and court staff;

9           “(D) develop standardized incident report-  
10          ing and threat evaluation practices for State  
11          and local courts in coordination with State and  
12          local law enforcement and fusion centers;

13          “(E) develop a national database for re-  
14          porting, tracking, and sharing information  
15          about threats and incidents towards judicial of-  
16          ficers and court staff at local and State levels  
17          with entities working in the interest of judicial  
18          security, including State and local law enforce-  
19          ment and fusion centers; and

20          “(F) coordinate research to identify, exam-  
21          ine, and advance best practices around judicial  
22          security.”.

23 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

24          Not later than 1 year after the date on which a State  
25          judicial threat intelligence and resource center is estab-

1 lished under paragraph (15) of section 206(c) of the State  
2 Justice Institute Act of 1984, as added by section 3 of  
3 this Act, the State Justice Institute shall submit to the  
4 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Com-  
5 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives  
6 an annual report on the number of threats to State and  
7 local judiciary members and court staff, with breakdown  
8 of types of threats and level of seriousness.

Passed the Senate June 12, 2024.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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