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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN 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 “Police Training and
5 Independent Review Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SENSITIVITY AND THE**
2 **USE OF INDEPENDENT PROSECUTORS.**

3 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
4 Streets Act of 1968 (et seq.) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 **“PART NN—GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND**
7 **INDEPENDENT PROSECUTION**

8 **“SEC. 3041. IN GENERAL.**

9 “The Attorney General may make a grant to a State
10 each fiscal year for purposes of carrying out the require-
11 ments of section 3042(a) and 3043. The term of such
12 grant shall be 1 year.

13 **“SEC. 3042. TRAINING ON DIVERSITY AND SENSITIVITY FOR**
14 **LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

15 “(a) TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—The requirements
16 of this subsection are as follows:

17 “(1) A State shall require that all individuals
18 enrolled in an academy of a law enforcement agency
19 of the State and all law enforcement officers of the
20 State fulfill a training session on sensitivity each fis-
21 cal year, including training on ethnic and racial bias,
22 cultural diversity, and police interaction with the dis-
23 abled, mentally ill, and new immigrants. In the case
24 of individuals attending an academy, such training
25 session shall be for 8 hours, and in the case of all

1 other law enforcement officers, the training session
2 shall be for 4 hours.

3 “(2) A State shall certify to the Attorney Gen-
4 eral of the United States that such training sessions
5 have been completed.

6 “(b) COMPLIANCE AND INELIGIBILITY.—

7 “(1) COMPLIANCE DATE.—The period specified
8 under this paragraph is the period beginning 120
9 days after the date of enactment of this part, to
10 comply with subsection (a), except that—

11 “(A) the Attorney General may grant an
12 additional 120 days to a State that is making
13 good faith efforts to comply with such sub-
14 section; and

15 “(B) the Attorney General shall waive the
16 requirements of subsection (a) if compliance
17 with such subsection by a State would be un-
18 constitutional under the constitution of such
19 State.

20 “(2) INELIGIBILITY.—A State that is not in
21 compliance with the requirements of subsection (a)
22 during a fiscal year is not eligible for a grant under
23 this part.

1 **“SEC. 3043. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2 **USE OF DEADLY FORCE.**

3 “In the case of a State that fails by the end of a
4 fiscal year to enact or have in effect an independent pros-
5 ecution of law enforcement law, that State is not eligible
6 for a grant under this part.

7 **“SEC. 3044. DEFINITIONS.**

8 “In this part:

9 “(1) The term ‘deadly force’ means that force
10 which a reasonable person would consider likely to
11 cause death or serious bodily harm.

12 “(2) The term ‘independent prosecution of law
13 enforcement law’ means a statute requiring the ap-
14 pointment of an independent prosecutor to conduct
15 any criminal investigation and prosecution in
16 which—

17 “(A) one or more of the possible defend-
18 ants is a law enforcement officer;

19 “(B) one or more of the alleged offenses
20 involves the law enforcement officer’s use of
21 deadly force in the course of carrying out that
22 officer’s duty; and

23 “(C) the law enforcement officer’s use of
24 deadly force resulted in a death or injury.

1 “(3) The term ‘independent prosecutor’ means,
2 with respect to a criminal investigation or prosecu-
3 tion, a prosecutor who—

4 “(A) does not live or work in the same
5 county as the county in which the alleged crime
6 was committed; and

7 “(B) would not be involved in the prosecu-
8 tion in the ordinary course of that prosecutor’s
9 duties.”.

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