

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3535

To direct the Attorney General to establish a grant program to provide for the qualified accreditation and re-certification of local law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Establishing Accredita-  
5 tion Grants for Law Enforcement Act of 2021” or the  
6 “EAGLE Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
2 **AGENCY ACCREDITATION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-  
5 eral shall establish a grant program (in this Act referred  
6 to as the “Program”) to provide for the qualified accredi-  
7 tation or re-certification of a local law enforcement agency.

8 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the Pro-  
9 gram, the Attorney General shall award a grant to an eli-  
10 gible recipient under subsection (c).

11 (c) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The Attorney General  
12 shall award a grant under the Program to a local law en-  
13 forcement agency that submits an application pursuant to  
14 subsection (d).

15 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible under the Pro-  
16 gram, a local law enforcement agency shall submit to the  
17 Attorney General an application that demonstrates—

18 (1) the financial need of the local law enforce-  
19 ment agency; and

20 (2) amount requested by the local law enforce-  
21 ment agency, including amount to be spent on—

22 (A) accreditation or re-certification fees;

23 (B) on-site assessment charges; and

24 (C) extension fees.

25 (e) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—Grant funds awarded  
26 under the Program may only be used to assist in the quali-

1   fied accreditation or re-certification of a local law enforce-  
2   ment agency.

3       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4   are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Pro-  
5   gram \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

6       (g) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Funds made avail-  
7   able to carry out the Program shall remain available until  
8   expended.

9       (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10           (1) QUALIFIED ACCREDITATION OR RE-CERTIFI-  
11       CATION.—The term “qualified accreditation or re-  
12       certification” means accreditation or re-certification  
13       of a local law enforcement agency by a professional  
14       law enforcement organization involved in the devel-  
15       opment of standards of accreditation for law en-  
16       forcement agencies at the national, State, regional,  
17       or Tribal level, such as the Commission on Accredi-  
18       tation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

19           (2) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The  
20       term “local law enforcement agency” means an  
21       agency of a unit of local government that is author-  
22       ized by law to supervise the prevention, detection, in-  
23       vestigation, or prosecution of any violation of crimi-  
24       nal law and that has less than 350 employees.

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