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H. R. 9195

To amend title 28, United States Code, to require the Attorney General to submit an annual report to Congress on gang activity, reporting, investigation, and prosecution, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Ms. KAPTUR) 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 "Gang Activity Report-
- 5 ing Act of 2022".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:

- 1 (1) The United States is experiencing an un2 precedented surge in violent crime, including an in3 crease of more than 30 percent in the rate of mur4 ders since 2020.
 5 (2) The most recent Department of Justice
- 5 (2) The most recent Department of Justice 6 data regarding gangs and criminal activity, pub-7 lished in the 2011 National Gang Threat Assess-8 ment, indicated that gangs were responsible for an 9 average of 48 percent of violent crime in the United 10 States.
- 11 (3) Up-to-date, accurate, and consistent report12 ing from the relevant Federal agencies relating to
 13 gang activity in the United States is a foundational
 14 element in enabling policymakers to enact effective,
 15 evidence-based policy that protects the people of the
 16 United States from gang activity.

17 SEC. 3. GANG REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

- 18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 28, United
- 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 20 lowing:

21 "§ 530E. Report on gang activity, reporting, investiga-

- 22 tion, and prosecution
- 23 "(a) Report.—
- 24 "(1) In general.—Not later than 150 days
- 25 after the date of enactment of the Gang Activity Re-

1	porting Act of 2022, and not later than the last day
2	of each fiscal year beginning after the date of enact-
3	ment, the Attorney General shall, in conjunction
4	with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the
5	Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and
6	in coordination with State and local law enforcement
7	agencies, submit to the Committee on the Judiciary
8	and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
9	and the Committee on the Judiciary and the Com-
10	mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
11	atives a report on gang activity, reporting, investiga-
12	tion, and prosecution.
13	"(2) Contents.—The report described in
14	paragraph (1) shall include information relating
15	to—
16	"(A) the growth of local, national, and
17	transnational gangs during the 10-fiscal-year
18	period preceding the date on which the report
19	is submitted (referred to in this section as the
20	'submission date')—
21	"(i) with specific numerical data;
22	"(ii) including changes and trends in
23	gang membership, location, and activities
24	and enterprises; and

1	"(iii) including relevant data from
2	State and local law enforcement agencies;
3	"(B) the tools, methods, or networks that
4	gangs are using to commit certain crimes, in-
5	cluding—
6	"(i) the extent to which gangs cooper-
7	ate; and
8	"(ii) an assessment of the kinds of
9	crimes on which gangs cooperate;
10	"(C) whether and to what extent State-
11	based reporting issues affect Federal data col-
12	lection and accuracy;
13	"(D) the initiatives the Department of
14	Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and
15	Federal Bureau of Investigation undertook dur-
16	ing the 5-fiscal-year period preceding the sub-
17	mission date to track gang growth and gang ac-
18	tivity and to investigate and prosecute related
19	unlawful activity, including—
20	"(i) the date on which each initiative
21	was undertaken; and
22	"(ii) if applicable, the date on which
23	each initiative was ended, with a detailed
24	explanation as to why the initiative was
25	ended;

1	"(E) the Federal resources allocated by
2	each agency described in subparagraph (D) to
3	investigating, prosecuting, and containing gangs
4	as of the submission date;
5	"(F) gang enforcement statistics from the
6	last fiscal year ending before the submission
7	date, including the quantity, changes, and
8	trends in—
9	"(i) gang-related arrests, including
10	comparisons to gang-related arrests during
11	the 5-fiscal-year period preceding the ap-
12	plicable fiscal year;
13	"(ii) the number of juveniles arrested
14	as a result of gang-related activity;
15	"(iii) the number of firearms seized by
16	law enforcement agencies during gang en-
17	forcement operations, including the num-
18	ber of firearms seized from juveniles; and
19	"(iv) the amount in weight of
20	fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other
21	synthetic opioids seized by law enforcement
22	agencies during gang enforcement oper-
23	ations, including the amount of fentanyl,
24	methamphetamine, and other synthetic
25	opioids seized from juveniles;

1	"(G) the data collection procedures utilized
2	by each agency described in subparagraph (D);
3	and
4	"(H) any changes to data collection proce-
5	dures of an agency described in subparagraph
6	(D) during the 18-month period preceding the
7	submission date, including explanations as to
8	why any procedures were changed.
9	"(b) Classification.—The report submitted under
10	subsection (a), or a portion thereof, may be classified, as
11	determined appropriate by the Attorney General, the Sec-
12	retary of Homeland Security, and the Director of the Fed-
13	eral Bureau of Investigation.".
14	(b) Technical Amendment.—The table of sections
15	for chapter 31 of title 28, United States Code, is amended
16	by adding at the end the following:
	"530E. Report on gang activity, reporting, investigation, and prosecution.".

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