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To protect law abiding citizens by preventing criminals from obtaining firearms.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2013

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNNS, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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 “Disarm Criminals and
5 Protect Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROSECUTION OF FELONS AND FUGITIVES WHO AT-**
2 **TEMPT TO ILLEGALLY PURCHASE FIREARMS.**

3 (a) TASKFORCE.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
5 task force within the Department of Justice, which
6 shall be known as the Felon and Fugitive Firearm
7 Task Force (referred to in this section as the “Task
8 Force”), to strengthen the efforts of the Department
9 of Justice to investigate and prosecute cases of con-
10 victed felons and fugitives from justice who illegally
11 attempt to purchase a firearm.

12 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the Task
13 Force shall be—

14 (A) the Deputy Attorney General, who
15 shall serve as the Chairperson of the Task
16 Force;

17 (B) the Assistant Attorney General for the
18 Criminal Division;

19 (C) the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol,
20 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;

21 (D) the Director of the Federal Bureau of
22 Investigation; and

23 (E) such other officers or employees of the
24 Department of Justice as the Attorney General
25 may designate.

26 (3) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall—

1 (A) provide direction for the investigation
2 and prosecution of cases of convicted felons and
3 fugitives from justice attempting to illegally
4 purchase a firearm; and

5 (B) provide recommendations to the Attor-
6 ney General relating to—

7 (i) the allocation and reallocation of
8 resources of the Department of Justice for
9 investigation and prosecution of cases of
10 convicted felons and fugitives from justice
11 attempting to illegally purchase a firearm;

12 (ii) enhancing cooperation among
13 agencies and entities of the Federal Gov-
14 ernment in the investigation and prosecu-
15 tion of cases of convicted felons and fugi-
16 tives from justice attempting to illegally
17 purchase a firearm;

18 (iii) enhancing cooperation among
19 Federal, State, and local authorities re-
20 sponsible for the investigation and prosecu-
21 tion of cases of convicted felons and fugi-
22 tives from justice attempting to illegally
23 purchase a firearm; and

24 (iv) changes in rules, regulations, or
25 policy to improve the effective investigation

1 and prosecution of cases of convicted felons
2 and fugitives from justice attempting to il-
3 legally purchase a firearm.

4 (4) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet
5 not less than once a year.

6 (5) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall ter-
7 minate on the date that is 5 years after the date of
8 enactment of this Act.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF FUNDS.—Section
10 524(c)(1) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at
12 the end;

13 (2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period
14 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(J) the investigation and prosecution of cases
18 of convicted felons and fugitives from justice who il-
19 legally attempt to purchase a firearm, in accordance
20 with the Disarm Criminals and Protect Communities
21 Act, provided that—

22 “(i) not more than \$10,000,000 shall be
23 available to the Attorney General for each of
24 fiscal years 2014 through 2018 under this sub-
25 paragraph; and

1 “(ii) not more than 5 percent of the
2 amounts made available under this subpara-
3 graph may be used for the administrative costs
4 of the task force established under the Disarm
5 Criminals and Protect Communities Act.”.

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