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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2017

Mr. Poe of Texas (for himself and Mr. Walberg) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 27, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. Huizenga, Mr. Smith of Texas, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Bridentine, Mr. Budd, Mr. Zeldin, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Higgins of Louisiana, Mr. Franks of Arizona, Mr. Labrador, Mr. Bischak, Mr. Gaetz, Mr. Westerman, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Marino, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Farenthold, Mr. Buck, Mr. Smucker, Mr. Chabot, Mrs. Handel, Mrs. Roby, Mr. Collins of Georgia, Mr. Harper, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Johnson of Louisiana, and Mr. Sessions

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 26, 2017]
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Citizens’ Right to Know Act of 2018”.

SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT RECIPIENTS USING FUNDS FOR PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS.

(a) In General.—For each fiscal year in which a State or unit of local government receives funds under any grant program operated by the Department of Justice, including the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant program under subpart I of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.), and which uses funds received under such program for a pretrial services program, the State or unit of local government shall submit to the Attorney General a report which contains the following:

(1) The name of each defendant participating in a pretrial release program administered by the pretrial services program, and whether, as applicable, each occasion on which such defendant failed to make an appearance.
(2) Information relating to any prior convictions of each defendant participating in the pretrial services program.

(3) The amount of money allocated for the pretrial services program.

(b) Publication Requirement.—Subject to any applicable confidentiality requirements, the Attorney General shall, on an annual basis, make publicly available the information received under subsection (a).

(c) Reduction in Funding.—The Attorney General shall, for State or unit of local government which fails to comply with the requirement under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, reduce the amount that the State or local government would otherwise receive under each grant program described in subsection (a) in the following fiscal year by 100 percent.

(d) Reallocation.—Amounts not allocated to a State or unit of local government under subsection (c) shall be reallocated under each such grant program to States and units of local government that comply with the requirement under subsection (a).

(e) Definition.—The term “failed to make an appearance” means an action whereby any defendant has been charged with an offense before a court and who is participating in a pretrial release program for which funds re-
received under a grant program referred to in subsection (a)
are used as a condition of pretrial release—

(1) does not appear for any court date regarding
such charge;

(2) does not appear for any one appointment
with the pretrial services program; or

(3) does not appear for any post-release appear-
ance the court may require.
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