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H. R. 8352

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHMIDT (for himself and Ms. ROSS) 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 “Criminal History Ac-
5 cess Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

7 (a) ATTORNEY GENERAL DUTIES.—Section 534 of
8 title 28, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by amending to read as
10 follows:

1 “(4) exchange such records and information
2 with, and for the official use of, authorized officials
3 of the Federal Government, including the United
4 States Sentencing Commission, the States, including
5 State sentencing commissions and peace officer
6 standards and training agencies, Indian tribes, cit-
7 ies, and penal and other institutions; and”;

8 (2) in subsection (e)—

9 (A) by striking “section, the term” and in-
10 serting the following: “section—

11 “(1) the term”;

12 (B) by striking “(1) railroad” and insert-
13 ing the following:

14 “(A) railroad”;

15 (C) by striking “(2) police” and inserting
16 the following:

17 “(B) police”;

18 (D) by striking the period at the end and
19 inserting a semicolon; and

20 (E) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(2) the term ‘peace officer standards and
22 training agency’ means an agency of a State with
23 the statutory authority under State law to set stand-
24 ards for the hiring, training, ethical conduct, and re-
25 tention of the law enforcement officers of the State

1 through certification, licensing, or other similar
2 qualification process; and

3 “(3) the term ‘State’ means each of the several
4 States of the United States, the District of Colum-
5 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
6 States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the
7 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
8 and any territory or possession of the United
9 States.”.

10 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General
12 shall amend section part 20 of title 28, Code of Federal
13 Regulations, as necessary to carry out the provisions of
14 this Act.

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