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To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain reporting to the uniform crime reporting program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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 “Improving Reporting
5 to Prevent Hate Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CREDIBLY REPORT HATE**
7 **CRIMES.**

8 Section 505 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
9 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10156) is amend-
10 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) REQUIREMENT TO CREDIBLY REPORT HATE
2 CRIMES.—

3 “(1) EVALUATION FOR REPORTING ON HATE
4 CRIMES.—Not later than 3 years after the date of
5 enactment of the Improving Reporting to Prevent
6 Hate Act of 2026, using the data acquired by the
7 Attorney General in accordance with the Hate
8 Crimes Statistics Act (34 U.S.C. 41305), the Attor-
9 ney General shall establish a method of evaluating,
10 and thereafter shall use the method to evaluate,
11 whether a covered jurisdiction is credibly reporting
12 hate crimes, including whether, for each year, a cov-
13 ered jurisdiction—

14 “(A) has not reported hate crime data to
15 the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

16 “(B) has reported zero hate crime inci-
17 dents to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

18 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A covered jurisdiction
20 that is found, through an evaluation under
21 paragraph (1), not to have credibly reported
22 hate crimes for a year shall not be eligible for
23 an allocation under this section for the fiscal
24 year beginning after that year.

1 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)
 2 shall not apply to a covered jurisdiction that is
 3 found, through an evaluation under paragraph
 4 (1), not to have credibly reported hate crimes
 5 for a year if the Attorney General certifies that
 6 the covered jurisdiction has conducted signifi-
 7 cant community public education and awareness
 8 initiatives on hate crimes.

9 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each year, the Attor-
 10 ney General shall publish on the internet website of
 11 the Department of Justice a report on the covered
 12 jurisdictions certified under paragraph (2)(B).

13 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
 14 section:

15 “(A) COVERED JURISDICTION.—The term
 16 ‘covered jurisdiction’ means a unit of local gov-
 17 ernment that has requested a grant under this
 18 subpart and has a population of more than
 19 100,000 people.

20 “(B) HAS CONDUCTED SIGNIFICANT COM-
 21 MUNITY PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS
 22 INITIATIVES ON HATE CRIMES.—The term ‘has
 23 conducted significant community public edu-
 24 cation and awareness initiatives on hate

crimes', with respect to a covered jurisdiction,
means the covered jurisdiction—

“(i) has—

“(I) made substantial progress
towards comprehensive reporting of
hate crimes;

“(II) adopted a policy on identi-
fying, investigating, and reporting
hate crimes; and

“(III) developed a standardized
system of collecting and analyzing
hate crimes and reporting hate crimes
to the National Incident-Based Re-
porting System of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation; or

“(ii) has—

“(I) established a unit or liaison
specialized in identifying, inves-
tigating, and reporting hate crimes
and engaging in community relations
functions related to preventing hate
crimes; or

“(II) conducted regular public
meetings or educational forums on the
impact of hate crimes, services avail-

1 able to victims of hate crimes, and
2 any relevant Federal, State, or local
3 laws related to hate crimes.

4 “(C) HATE CRIME.—The term ‘hate crime’
5 means—

6 “(i) an act described in section
7 1(b)(1) of the Hate Crime Statistics Act
8 (34 U.S.C. 41305(b)(1)); and

9 “(ii) an act in violation of section 241,
10 245, 247, or 249 of title 18, United States
11 Code.”.

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