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H. R. 1443

[Report No. 106-517]

To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 1999

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DIXON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MARCH 13, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. COYNE, Mr. KILPATRICK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. OWENS

MARCH 13, 2000

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 15, 1999]

A BILL

To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

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 “Traffic Stops Statistics*
 5 *Study Act of 2000”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONDUCT STUDY.**

7 *(a) STUDY.—*

8 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall*
 9 *conduct a nationwide study of stops for traffic viola-*
 10 *tions by law enforcement officers.*

11 *(2) INITIAL ANALYSIS.—The Attorney General*
 12 *shall perform an initial analysis of existing data, in-*
 13 *cluding complaints alleging and other information*
 14 *concerning traffic stops motivated by race and other*
 15 *bias.*

16 *(3) DATA COLLECTION.—After completion of the*
 17 *initial analysis under paragraph (2), the Attorney*
 18 *General shall then gather the following data on traffic*
 19 *stops from a nationwide sample of jurisdictions, in-*
 20 *cluding jurisdictions identified in the initial analysis:*

1 (A) *The traffic infraction alleged to have*
2 *been committed that led to the stop.*

3 (B) *Identifying characteristics of the driver*
4 *stopped, including the race, gender, ethnicity,*
5 *and approximate age of the driver.*

6 (C) *Whether immigration status was ques-*
7 *tioned, immigration documents were requested,*
8 *or an inquiry was made to the Immigration and*
9 *Naturalization Service with regard to any per-*
10 *son in the vehicle.*

11 (D) *The number of individuals in the*
12 *stopped vehicle.*

13 (E) *Whether a search was instituted as a*
14 *result of the stop and whether consent was re-*
15 *quested for the search.*

16 (F) *Any alleged criminal behavior by the*
17 *driver that justified the search.*

18 (G) *Any items seized, including contraband*
19 *or money.*

20 (H) *Whether any warning or citation was*
21 *issued as a result of the stop.*

22 (I) *Whether an arrest was made as a result*
23 *of either the stop or the search and the justifica-*
24 *tion for the arrest.*

25 (J) *The duration of the stop.*

1 (b) *REPORTING.*—Not later than 120 days after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
3 report the results of its initial analysis to Congress, and
4 make such report available to the public, and identify the
5 jurisdictions for which the study is to be conducted. Not
6 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, the Attorney General shall report the results of the data
8 collected under this Act to Congress, a copy of which shall
9 also be published in the Federal Register.

10 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM.**

11 In order to complete the study described in section 2,
12 the Attorney General may provide grants to law enforce-
13 ment agencies to collect and submit the data described in
14 section 2 to the appropriate agency as designated by the
15 Attorney General.

16 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON USE OF DATA.**

17 Information released pursuant to section 2 shall not
18 reveal the identity of any individual who is stopped or any
19 law enforcement officer involved in a traffic stop.

20 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

21 For purposes of this Act:

22 (1) *LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.*—The term
23 “law enforcement agency” means an agency of a
24 State or political subdivision of a State, authorized
25 by law or by a Federal, State, or local government

1 *agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detec-*
2 *tion, or investigation of violations of criminal laws,*
3 *or a federally recognized Indian tribe.*

4 (2) *INDIAN TRIBE.*—*The term “Indian tribe”*
5 *means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, na-*
6 *tion, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary*
7 *of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian*
8 *tribe.*

9 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 *There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
11 *may be necessary to carry out this Act.*

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