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To direct the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program under which the Attorney General shall establish methamphetamine incident response and training teams for drug emergency areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BAIRD 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 “Methamphetamine Re-
5 sponse and Training Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH METHAMPHETAMINE IN-**
2 **CIDENT RESPONSE AND TRAINING TEAMS**
3 **FOR DRUG EMERGENCY AREAS.**

4 Subsection (h) of section 90107 of the Violent Crime
5 Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 “(h) METHAMPHETAMINE INCIDENT RESPONSE AND
8 TRAINING TEAMS PILOT PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
10 carry out a pilot program under which the Attorney
11 General shall establish methamphetamine incident
12 response and training teams for drug emergency
13 areas.

14 “(2) FUNCTIONS.—Each such team shall, in
15 the drug emergency area for which that team is
16 established—

17 “(A) provide training to, and coordinate
18 the efforts of, State and local law enforcement
19 personnel in investigating, responding to, and
20 prosecuting methamphetamine-related crimes;

21 “(B) to the extent that certification and
22 recertification standards in responding to sites
23 used in the production of methamphetamine
24 have not been established by State or local law
25 enforcement personnel, establish such standards
26 for those personnel; and

1 “(C) provide training to State and local
2 law enforcement personnel to enable those per-
3 sonnel to meet such standards.

4 “(3) STATE AND LOCAL PERSONNEL.—

5 “(A) Each team shall include State and
6 local law enforcement personnel.

7 “(B) To the maximum extent practicable,
8 investigations, responses, and prosecutions with
9 respect to methamphetamine-related crimes
10 shall be carried out under the direction of the
11 State or local law enforcement personnel who
12 have criminal jurisdiction over the communities
13 in which those investigations, responses, and
14 prosecutions are carried out.

15 “(4) FEDERAL PERSONNEL.—

16 “(A) Except as provided in this paragraph,
17 a team may not include Federal law enforce-
18 ment personnel.

19 “(B) During the period beginning on the
20 date of the establishment of a team and ending
21 on the date specified in subparagraph (C) with
22 respect to the team, that team shall include
23 Federal law enforcement personnel, such as law
24 enforcement personnel of the Drug Enforce-

1 ment Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
2 tion, and the Customs Service.

3 “(C) The date referred to in subparagraph
4 (B) with respect to a team is the date that is
5 2 years after the date of the establishment of
6 that team. However, the Attorney General may
7 designate a different date that is not later than
8 5 years after the date of the establishment of
9 that team, and if the Attorney General so des-
10 ignates, the date referred to in subparagraph
11 (B) with respect to that team shall be that dif-
12 ferent date.

13 “(5) USE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES.—The At-
14 torney General shall ensure that any Federal assist-
15 ance provided with respect to a team, including Fed-
16 eral law enforcement personnel under paragraph (4)
17 and any other assistance under this section, is pro-
18 vided in a manner so as to—

19 “(A) maximize the ability of that team to
20 function effectively without that assistance after
21 the date specified in paragraph (4)(C) with re-
22 spect to that team; and

23 “(B) achieve an equitable distribution of
24 that assistance to rural communities.

1 “(6) NUMBER AND LOCATION.—The Attorney
2 General shall establish such teams only as follows:

3 “(A) Not less than 1, and not more than
4 2, teams in the Pacific Northwest.

5 “(B) Not less than 1, and not more than
6 2, teams in the West.

7 “(C) Not less than 1, and not more than
8 2, teams in the Midwest.”.

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