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To amend title 18, United States Code, to protect public safety officers, judges, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Law-Enforcement Officers’ Protection Act of 2005”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Offense of murder or manslaughter of a federally funded public safety officer.

See. 3. Increased penalties for assault of federally funded public safety officers, Federal judges, and other Federal officials.

Sec. 4. Increased penalties for retaliating against a federally funded public safety officer, Federal judge, or other Federal official by murdering or assaulting a family member.

Sec. 5. Increased penalties for murder, manslaughter, and related crimes under Federal jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. Ensuring fair and expeditious Federal collateral review of convictions for killing a public safety officer or State judge.

Sec. 7. Limitation on damages incurred during commission of a felony or crime of violence.

Sec. 8. Improvements to the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act.

Sec. 9. Increased penalties for injuring or influencing a judicial officer or juror.

Sec. 10. Increased penalties for tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant.

Sec. 11. Increased penalties for retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant.

Sec. 12. Protections against malicious recording of fictitious liens against Federal judges, federally funded public safety officers, or other Federal officials.

Sec. 13. Protection of individuals performing certain Federal and federally assisted functions.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFENSE OF MURDER OR MANSLAUGHTER OF A**
 2 **FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFI-**
 3 **CER.**

4 Section 1114 of title 18, United States Code, is
 5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)
 7 IN GENERAL.—Whoever”;

8 (2) in new subsection (a), by inserting “feder-
 9 ally funded public safety officer or any” after “Who-
 10 ever kills or attempts to kill any”; and

11 (3) by inserting at the end the following:

12 “(b) DEFINITION.—As used in this section:

13 “(1) FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC SAFETY OF-
 14 FICER.—The term ‘federally funded public safety of-
 15 ficer’ means a public safety officer for a public agen-

1 cy (including a court system) that receives Federal
2 financial assistance.

3 “(2) JUDICIAL OFFICER.—The term ‘judicial
4 officer’ means a judge or other officer or employee
5 of a court, including prosecutors and corrections,
6 probation, and parole officers.

7 “(3) PUBLIC AGENCY.—The term ‘public agen-
8 cy’ has the meaning given such term in section 1204
9 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
10 of 1968.

11 “(4) PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER.—The term
12 ‘public safety officer’ has the meaning given such
13 term in section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control
14 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and also includes a ju-
15 dicial officer.”.

16 **SEC. 3. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR ASSAULT OF FEDER-**
17 **ALLY FUNDED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS,**
18 **FEDERAL JUDGES, AND OTHER FEDERAL OF-**
19 **FICIALS.**

20 (a) REVISION OF SECTION 111.—Section 111 of title
21 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
22 **“§ 111. Assault and interference with certain public**
23 **officers and employees**

24 “Whoever assaults or interferes with a person des-
25 ignated in section 1114, while such person is engaged in,

1 or on account of, official duties, or assaults a person who
2 formerly served as a person designated in section 1114
3 on account of the performance of official duties, shall be
4 fined under this title and—

5 “(1) if the conduct constituting the offense is
6 an interference or a simple assault, be imprisoned
7 not more than one year, or both;

8 “(2) if the assault resulted in bodily injury (as
9 defined in section 1365), be imprisoned not less than
10 5 nor more than 20 years;

11 “(3) if a dangerous weapon was used or pos-
12 sessed during and in relation to the offense, be im-
13 prisoned not less than 15 nor more than 40 years;

14 “(4) if the assault resulted in serious bodily in-
15 jury (as defined for purposes of section 2119(2)), be
16 imprisoned not less than 15 nor more than 40 years;
17 and

18 “(5) in any other case, be imprisoned not less
19 than 2 nor more than 10 years.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to
21 section 111 in the table of sections at the beginning of
22 chapter 7 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

“111. Assault and interference with certain public officers and employees.”.

1 **SEC. 4. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR RETALIATING AGAINST**
2 **A FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFI-**
3 **CER, FEDERAL JUDGE, OR OTHER FEDERAL**
4 **OFFICIAL BY MURDERING OR ASSAULTING A**
5 **FAMILY MEMBER.**

6 (a) PENALTIES.—Section 115(b) of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 “(b)(1) The punishment for an assault in violation
9 of this section is a fine under this title and—

10 “(A) if the assault consists of a simple assault,
11 a term of imprisonment for not more than one year,
12 or both;

13 “(B) if the assault resulted in bodily injury (as
14 used in section 1365), a term of imprisonment for
15 not less than 5 nor more than 20 years;

16 “(C) if a dangerous weapon was used or pos-
17 sessed during and in relation to the offense, a term
18 of imprisonment not less than 15 nor more than 40
19 years;

20 “(D) if the assault resulted in serious bodily in-
21 jury (as defined for purposes of section 2119(2)), a
22 term of imprisonment not less than 15 nor more
23 than 40 years; and

24 “(E) in any other case, not less than 2 nor
25 more than 10 years.

1 “(2) The punishment for a kidnaping, attempted kid-
2 naping, or conspiracy to kidnap in violation of this section
3 is a fine under this title and imprisonment for any term
4 of years not less than 30, or for life.

5 “(3) The punishment for a murder, attempted mur-
6 der, or conspiracy to murder in violation of this section
7 is a fine under this title and imprisonment for any term
8 of years not less than 30, or for life, or the death penalty.

9 “(4) A threat made in violation of this section shall
10 be punished by a fine under this title and imprisonment
11 for a term of not less than 5 years nor more than 20 years.

12 “(5) Each punishment for criminal conduct under
13 this section shall be in addition to any other punishment,
14 whether imposed for a conviction under this section or oth-
15 erwise, for other criminal conduct during the same crimi-
16 nal episode.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO
18 CROSS REFERENCE TO SECTION 1114.—

19 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading for sec-
20 tion 115 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

1 **“§ 115. Influencing, impeding, or retaliating against**
2 **certain officials by threats or by injuring**
3 **a family member”.**

4 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to
5 section 115 in the table of sections at the beginning
6 of chapter 7 of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

“115. Influencing, impeding, or retaliating against certain officials by threats or
by injuring a family member”.

8 **SEC. 5. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR MURDER, MAN-**
9 **SLAUGHTER, AND RELATED CRIMES UNDER**
10 **FEDERAL JURISDICTION.**

11 (a) MURDER AMENDMENTS.—Section 1111(b) of
12 title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “not
13 less than 30” after “any term of years”.

14 (b) MANSLAUGHTER AMENDMENTS.—Section
15 1112(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by striking “or imprisoned” and all that fol-
17 lows through “both” and inserting “and imprisoned
18 for a term of years not less than 15 years nor more
19 than 40 years”; and

20 (2) by striking “or imprisoned” and all that fol-
21 lows through “both” and inserting “and imprisoned
22 for a term of years not more less than 3 years nor
23 more than 15 years”.

1 (c) ATTEMPT AMENDMENT.—Section 1113 of title
2 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “shall, for
3 an attempt to commit murder” and all that follows
4 through the period at the end of the section and inserting
5 “shall be punished as is provided for a completed of-
6 fense.”.

7 (d) CONSPIRACY AMENDMENT.—Section 1117 of title
8 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “by im-
9 prisonment for any term of years or for life” and inserting
10 “as is provided for the violation which is the object of the
11 conspiracy”.

12 SEC. 6. ENSURING FAIR AND EXPEDITIOUS FEDERAL COL-
13 LATERAL REVIEW OF CONVICTIONS FOR
14 KILLING A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER OR
15 STATE JUDGE.

16 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
17 “Dr. John B. Jamison Act”.

18 (b) LIMITS ON CASES.—Section 2254 of title 28,
19 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
20 following:

“(j)(1) A court, justice, or judge shall not have jurisdiction to consider any claim relating to the judgment or sentence in an application described under paragraph (2), unless the applicant shows that the claim qualifies for consideration on the grounds described in subsection (e)(2).

1 Any such application that is presented to a court, justice,
2 or judge other than a district court shall be transferred
3 to the appropriate district court for consideration or dis-
4 missal in conformity with this subsection, except that a
5 court of appeals panel must authorize any second or suc-
6 cessive application in conformity with section 2244 before
7 any consideration by the district court. Relief shall not be
8 granted with respect to any claim in an application de-
9 scribed in paragraph (2) unless the denial of relief is con-
10 trary to, or would entail an unreasonable application of,
11 clearly established Federal law, as determined by the Su-
12 preme Court of the United States.

13 “(2) This subsection applies to an application for a
14 writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody
15 pursuant to the judgment of a State court for a crime
16 that involved the killing of a public safety officer while
17 the public safety officer was engaged in the performance
18 of official duties, or on account of the public safety offi-
19 cer’s performance of official duties or status as a public
20 safety officer.

21 “(3) For an application described in paragraph (2),
22 the following requirements shall apply in the district court:

23 “(A) Any motion by either party for an evi-
24 dentiary hearing shall be filed and served not later
25 than 90 days after the State files its answer or, if

1 no timely answer is filed, the date on which such an-
2 swer is due.

3 “(B) Any motion for an evidentiary hearing
4 shall be granted or denied not later than 30 days
5 after the date on which the party opposing such mo-
6 tion files a pleading in opposition to such motion or,
7 if no timely pleading in opposition is filed, the date
8 on which such pleading in opposition is due.

9 “(C) Any evidentiary hearing shall be—

10 “(i) convened not less than 60 days after
11 the order granting such hearing; and

12 “(ii) completed not more than 150 days
13 after the order granting such hearing.

14 “(D) A district court shall enter a final order,
15 granting or denying the application for a writ of ha-
16 beas corpus, not later than 15 months after the date
17 on which the State files its answer or, if no timely
18 answer is filed, the date on which such answer is
19 due, or not later than 60 days after the case is sub-
20 mitted for decision, whichever is earlier.

21 “(E) If the district court fails to comply with
22 the requirements of this paragraph, the State may
23 petition the court of appeals for a writ of mandamus
24 to enforce the requirements. The court of appeals
25 shall grant or deny the petition for a writ of man-

1 damus not later than 30 days after such petition is
2 filed with the court.

3 “(4) For an application described in paragraph (2),
4 the following requirements shall apply in the court of ap-
5 peals:

6 “(A) A timely filed notice of appeal from an
7 order issuing a writ of habeas corpus shall operate
8 as a stay of that order pending final disposition of
9 the appeal.

10 “(B) The court of appeals shall decide the ap-
11 peal from an order granting or denying a writ of ha-
12 beas corpus—

13 “(i) not later than 120 days after the date
14 on which the brief of the appellee is filed or, if
15 no timely brief is filed, the date on which such
16 brief is due; or

17 “(ii) if a cross-appeal is filed, not later
18 than 120 days after the date on which the ap-
19 pellant files a brief in response to the issues
20 presented by the cross-appeal or, if no timely
21 brief is filed, the date on which such brief is
22 due.

23 “(C)(i) Following a decision by a panel of the
24 court of appeals under subparagraph (B), a petition
25 for panel rehearing is not allowed, but rehearing by

1 the court of appeals en banc may be requested. The
2 court of appeals shall decide whether to grant a peti-
3 tion for rehearing en banc not later than 30 days
4 after the date on which the petition is filed, unless
5 a response is required, in which case the court shall
6 decide whether to grant the petition not later than
7 30 days after the date on which the response is filed
8 or, if no timely response is filed, the date on which
9 the response is due.

10 “(ii) If rehearing en banc is granted, the court
11 of appeals shall make a final determination of the
12 appeal not later than 120 days after the date on
13 which the order granting rehearing en banc is en-
14 tered.

15 “(D) If the court of appeals fails to comply
16 with the requirements of this paragraph, the State
17 may petition the Supreme Court or a justice thereof
18 for a writ of mandamus to enforce the requirements.

19 “(5)(A) The time limitations under paragraphs (3)
20 and (4) shall apply to an initial application described in
21 paragraph (2), any second or successive application de-
22 scribed in paragraph (2), and any redetermination of an
23 application described in paragraph (2) or related appeal
24 following a remand by the court of appeals or the Supreme
25 Court for further proceedings.

1 “(B) In proceedings following remand in the district
2 court, time limits running from the time the State files
3 its answer under paragraph (3) shall run from the date
4 the remand is ordered if further briefing is not required
5 in the district court. If there is further briefing following
6 remand in the district court, such time limits shall run
7 from the date on which a responsive brief is filed or, if
8 no timely responsive brief is filed, the date on which such
9 brief is due.

10 “(C) In proceedings following remand in the court of
11 appeals, the time limit specified in paragraph (4)(B) shall
12 run from the date the remand is ordered if further briefing
13 is not required in the court of appeals. If there is further
14 briefing in the court of appeals, the time limit specified
15 in paragraph (4)(B) shall run from the date on which a
16 responsive brief is filed or, if no timely responsive brief
17 is filed, from the date on which such brief is due.

18 “(6) The failure of a court to meet or comply with
19 a time limitation under this subsection shall not be a
20 ground for granting relief from a judgment of conviction
21 or sentence, nor shall the time limitations under this sub-
22 section be construed to entitle a capital applicant to a stay
23 of execution, to which the applicant would otherwise not
24 be entitled, for the purpose of litigating any application
25 or appeal.

1 “(7) In this subsection the term ‘public safety officer’
2 has the meaning given such term in section 1114 of title
3 18.”.

4 (c) RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH HABEAS CORPUS
5 PROCEEDINGS.—Section 3771(b) of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “In any court proceeding” and
8 inserting the following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any court proceeding”;
10 and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:
12 “(2) HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In a Federal habeas
14 corpus proceeding arising out of a State convic-
15 tion, the court shall ensure that a crime victim
16 is afforded the rights described in paragraphs
17 (3), (4), (7), and (8) of subsection (a).

18 “(B) ENFORCEMENT.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—These rights may
20 be enforced by the crime victim or the
21 crime victim’s lawful representative in the
22 manner described in paragraphs (1) and
23 (3) of subsection (d).

1 “(ii) MULTIPLE VICTIMS.—In a case
2 involving multiple victims, subsection
3 (d)(2) shall also apply.

4 “(C) LIMITATION.—This paragraph relates
5 to the duties of a court in relation to the rights
6 of a crime victim in Federal habeas corpus pro-
7 ceedings arising out of a State conviction, and
8 does not give rise to any obligation or require-
9 ment applicable to personnel of any agency of
10 the Executive Branch of the Federal Govern-
11 ment.

12 “(D) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this
13 paragraph, the term ‘crime victim’ means the
14 person against whom the State offense is com-
15 mitted or, if that person is killed or incapaci-
16 tated, that person’s family member or other
17 lawful representative.”.

18 (d) APPLICATION TO PENDING CASES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply to cases pending on or after
21 the date of enactment of this Act.

22 (2) TIME LIMITS.—In a case pending on the
23 date of enactment of this Act, if the amendments
24 made by this section provide that a time limit runs
25 from an event or time that has occurred prior to

1 such date of enactment, the time limit shall run in-
2 stead from such date of enactment.

3 SEC. 7. LIMITATION ON DAMAGES INCURRED DURING COM-
4 MISSION OF A FELONY OR CRIME OF VIO-
5 LENCE.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1983) is amended by—
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14 “(1) in any action brought against a judicial of-
15 ficer for an act or omission taken in such officer’s
16 judicial capacity, injunctive relief shall not be grant-
17 ed unless a declaratory decree was violated or de-
18 claratory relief was unavailable; and

19 “(2) in any action seeking redress for a depri-
20 vation that was incurred in the course of, or as a re-
21 sult of, or is related to, conduct by the injured party
22 that, more likely than not, constituted a felony or a
23 crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title
24 18, United States Code), including any deprivation
25 in the course of arrest or apprehension for, or the

1 investigation, prosecution, or adjudication of such an
2 offense, a court shall not have jurisdiction to con-
3 sider a claim for damages other than for necessary
4 out-of-pocket expenditures and other monetary
5 loss.”; and

6 (2) indenting the last sentence as an undesig-
7 nated paragraph.

8 (b) ATTORNEY’S FEES.—Section 722(b) of the Re-
9 vised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1988(b)) is amended by striking
10 “except that in any action brought against a judicial offi-
11 cer for an act or omission taken in such officer’s judicial
12 capacity such officer shall not be held liable for any costs,
13 including attorneys fees, unless such action was clearly in
14 excess of such officer’s jurisdiction.” and inserting the fol-
15 lowing: “except that—

16 “(1) in any action brought against a judicial offi-
17 cer for an act or omission taken in such officer’s
18 judicial capacity, such officer shall not be held liable
19 for any costs, including attorneys fees, unless such
20 action was clearly in excess of such officer’s jurisdic-
21 tion; and

22 “(2) in any action seeking redress for a depri-
23 vation that was incurred in the course of, or as a re-
24 sult of, or is related to, conduct by the injured party
25 that, more likely than not, constituted a felony or a

1 crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title
2 18, United States Code), including any deprivation
3 in the course of arrest or apprehension for, or the
4 investigation, prosecution, or adjudication of, such
5 an offense, the court may not allow such party to re-
6 cover attorney's fees.”.

7 **SEC. 8. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**

8 **CERS' SAFETY ACT.**

9 Section 926C of title 18, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “was
13 regularly employed as a law enforcement officer
14 for an aggregate of 15 years or more” and in-
15 serting “served as a law enforcement officer for
16 an aggregate of 10 years or more”; and

17 (B) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5),
18 and designating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
19 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

20 (2) in subsection (d)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or”
22 after the semicolon;

23 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
24 period and inserting “; or”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3) in those States or for those law-enforce-
2 ment agencies that do not issue the identification or
3 certification required by paragraph (1) or (2)—

4 “(A) an identification issued by the agency
5 from which the individual retired from service
6 as a law enforcement officer;

7 “(B) a photographic identification issued
8 by an agency of the State in which the indi-
9 vidual resides, such as a driver’s license or a
10 State identification card; and

11 “(C) a document issued by the State in
12 which the individual resides that either certifies
13 that the individual is authorized by the laws of
14 that State to carry a concealed firearm, or, in
15 those States that do not provide mandatory and
16 objective standards for the issuance of such a li-
17 cense, certifies that the individual has received
18 training in the safe handling of firearms or has
19 completed a firearms safety or training course
20 for security guards or investigators.”.

21 **SEC. 9. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR INJURING OR INFLU-
22 ENCING A JUDICIAL OFFICER OR JUROR.**

23 Section 1503 of title 18, United States Code, is
24 amended—

1 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(a)(1) Whoever—

4 “(A) corruptly, or by threats or force, or by any
5 threatening letter or communication, endeavors to
6 influence, intimidate, or impede a juror or officer in
7 a judicial proceeding in the discharge of that juror
8 or officer’s duty;

9 “(B) injures a juror or an officer in a judicial
10 proceeding on account of the performance of official
11 duties as such juror or officer; or

12 “(C) corruptly, or by threats or force, or by any
13 threatening letter or communication, influences, ob-
14 structs, or impedes, or endeavors to influence, ob-
15 struct, or impede, the due administration of justice;
16 or attempts or conspires to do so, shall be punished
17 as provided in subsection (b).

18 “(2) As used in this section, the term ‘juror or officer
19 in a judicial proceeding’ means a grand or petit juror, or
20 other officer in or of any court of the United States, or
21 an officer who may be serving at any examination or other
22 proceeding before any United States magistrate judge or
23 other committing magistrate.”;

24 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
25 following:

1 “(b) The punishment for an offense under this sec-
2 tion is—

3 “(1) in the case of a killing, the punishment
4 provided in sections 1111 and 1112;

5 “(2) in a case in which the offense was com-
6 mitted against a petit juror for a matter in which
7 a felony was charged, imprisonment for any term of
8 years not less than 20 years, or for life, and a fine
9 under this title; and

10 “(3) in any other case, a fine under this title
11 and imprisonment for not less than 10 years nor
12 more than 30 years.

13 “(c) An attempt or a conspiracy to commit an offense
14 punishable under this section shall be punished as is pro-
15 vided for the completed offense or the violation which is
16 the object of the conspiracy”.

17 **SEC. 10. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH A
18 WITNESS, VICTIM, OR AN INFORMANT.**

19 (a) CHANGES IN PENALTIES.—Section 1512 of title
20 18, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

22 (A) by striking subparagraph (B); and

23 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “not
24 more than 10 years” and inserting “not less
25 than 5 years nor more than 20 years”;

4 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “or imprisoned
5 not more than twenty years, or both” and inserting
6 “and imprisoned not less than 5 years nor more
7 than 20 years”; and

12 (b) ATTEMPT.—Section 1512(k) of title 18, United
13 States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “attempts or” before “con-
15 spires”; and

16 (2) by inserting “attempted or” before “the
17 commission”.

18 SEC. 11. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR RETALIATION
19 AGAINST A WITNESS, VICTIM, OR INFORM-
20 ANT.

21 Section 1513 of title 18, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(B)—

24 (A) by inserting a comma after "prob-
25 ation"; and

(B) by striking the comma which immediately follows another comma;

15 (6) in subsection (f) as so redesignated by para-
16 graph (5)—

17 (A) by inserting “attempts or” before
18 “conspires”; and

19 (B) by inserting "attempted or" before
20 "the commission".

1 **SEC. 12. PROTECTIONS AGAINST MALICIOUS RECORDING**
2 **OF FICTITIOUS LIENS AGAINST FEDERAL**
3 **JUDGES, FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC SAFE-**
4 **TY OFFICERS, OR OTHER FEDERAL OFFI-**
5 **CIALS.**

6 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 73 of title 18, United States
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 1521. RETALIATING AGAINST A FEDERAL JUDGE,**
9 **FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFI-**
10 **CER, OR OTHER FEDERAL OFFICIAL BY**
11 **FALSE CLAIM OR SLANDER OF TITLE.**

12 “Whoever files or attempts to file, in any public
13 record or in any private record which is generally available
14 to the public, any false lien or encumbrance against the
15 real or personal property of a person designated in section
16 1114 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not
17 more than 10 years, or both.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 at the beginning of chapter 73 of title 18, United States
20 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
21 item:

“1521. Retaliating against a Federal judge, federally funded public safety officer, or other Federal official by false claim or slander of title.”.

1 **SEC. 13. PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING CER-**2 **TAIN FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED**
3 **FUNCTIONS.**4 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 7 of title 18, United States
5 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:6 **“§ 117. Protection of individuals performing certain**7 **Federal and federally assisted functions**8 “(a) Whoever knowingly, and with the intent that it
9 be used to threaten or intimidate a covered official or to
10 kidnap, injure, or threaten a covered official or an imme-
11 diate family member of a covered official as defined in sec-
12 tion 115(c)(2) of this title, makes restricted personal in-
13 formation about a covered official publicly available shall
14 be fined under this title and imprisoned for 5 years.15 “(b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this sec-
16 tion that the covered official gave permission to make the
17 restricted personal information publicly available.

18 “(c) As used in this section—

19 “(1) the term ‘restricted personal information’
20 means, with respect to an individual, the Social Se-
21 curity number, the home address, home phone num-
22 ber, mobile phone number, personal email, or home
23 fax number of, and identifiable to, that individual;
24 and

25 “(2) the term ‘covered official’ means—

1 “(A) an individual designated in section
2 1114; or

3 “(B) a grand or petit juror, witness, or
4 other officer in or of, any court of the United
5 States, or an officer who may be serving at any
6 examination or other proceeding before any
7 United States magistrate judge or other com-
8 mitting magistrate.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 18, United States
11 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
12 item:

“117. Protection of individuals performing certain Federal and federally assisted
functions.”.

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