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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Prevention Resources  
5 for Eliminating Criminal Activity Using Tailored Inter-  
6 ventions in Our Neighborhoods Act of 2010” or the  
7 “PRECAUTION Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

2 The purposes of this Act are to—

3 (1) establish a commitment on the part of the  
4 Federal Government to provide leadership on suc-  
5 cessful crime prevention and intervention strategies;

6 (2) further the integration of crime prevention  
7 and intervention strategies into traditional law en-  
8 forcement practices of State and local law enforce-  
9 ment offices around the country;

10 (3) develop a plain-language, implementation-  
11 focused assessment of those current crime and delin-  
12 quency prevention and intervention strategies that  
13 are supported by rigorous evidence;

14 (4) provide additional resources to the National  
15 Institute of Justice to administer grants, contracts,  
16 and cooperative agreements for research and devel-  
17 opment for promising crime prevention and interven-  
18 tion strategies;

19 (5) develop recommendations for Federal prior-  
20 ities for crime and delinquency prevention and inter-  
21 vention research, development, and funding that  
22 may augment important Federal grant programs, in-  
23 cluding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assist-  
24 ance Grant Program under subpart 1 of part E of  
25 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
26 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.), grant

1 programs administered by the Office of Community  
 2 Oriented Policing Services of the Department of  
 3 Justice, grant programs administered by the Office  
 4 of Safe and Drug-Free Schools of the Department  
 5 of Education, and other similar programs; and

6 (6) reduce the costs that rising violent crime  
 7 imposes on interstate commerce.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

10 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
 11 means the National Commission on Public Safety  
 12 Through Crime Prevention established under section  
 13 4(a).

14 (2) RIGOROUS EVIDENCE.—The term “rigorous  
 15 evidence” means evidence generated by scientifically  
 16 valid forms of outcome evaluation, particularly ran-  
 17 domized trials (where practicable).

18 (3) SUBCATEGORY.—The term “subcategory”  
 19 means 1 of the following categories:

20 (A) Family and community settings (in-  
 21 cluding public health-based strategies).

22 (B) Law enforcement settings (including  
 23 probation-based strategies).

24 (C) School settings (including antigang  
 25 and general antiviolenace strategies).

1           (4) TOP-TIER.—The term “top-tier” means any  
 2           strategy supported by rigorous evidence of the siz-  
 3           able, sustained benefits to participants in the strat-  
 4           egy or to society.

5 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY**  
 6 **THROUGH CRIME PREVENTION.**

7           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a com-  
 8           mission to be known as the National Commission on Pub-  
 9           lic Safety Through Crime Prevention.

10          (b) MEMBERS.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
 12           composed of 9 members, of whom—

13                   (A) 3 shall be appointed by the President,  
 14                   1 of whom shall be the Assistant Attorney Gen-  
 15                   eral for the Office of Justice Programs or a  
 16                   representative of such Assistant Attorney Gen-  
 17                   eral;

18                   (B) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of  
 19                   the House of Representatives, unless the Speak-  
 20                   er is of the same party as the President, in  
 21                   which case 1 shall be appointed by the Speaker  
 22                   of the House of Representatives and 1 shall be  
 23                   appointed by the minority leader of the House  
 24                   of Representatives;

1 (C) 1 shall be appointed by the minority  
 2 leader of the House of Representatives (in addi-  
 3 tion to any appointment made under subpara-  
 4 graph (B));

5 (D) 2 shall be appointed by the majority  
 6 leader of the Senate, unless the majority leader  
 7 is of the same party as the President, in which  
 8 case 1 shall be appointed by the majority leader  
 9 of the Senate and 1 shall be appointed by the  
 10 minority leader of the Senate; and

11 (E) 1 shall be appointed by the minority  
 12 leader of the Senate (in addition to any ap-  
 13 pointment made under subparagraph (D)).

14 (2) PERSONS ELIGIBLE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the  
 16 Commission shall be an individual who has  
 17 knowledge or expertise in matters to be studied  
 18 by the Commission.

19 (B) REQUIRED REPRESENTATIVES.—At  
 20 least—

21 (i) 2 members of the Commission  
 22 shall be respected social scientists with ex-  
 23 perience implementing or interpreting rig-  
 24 orous, outcome-based trials; and

1 (ii) 2 members of the Commission  
2 shall be law enforcement practitioners.

3 (3) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The President,  
4 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the mi-  
5 nority leader of the House of Representatives, and  
6 the majority leader and minority leader of the Sen-  
7 ate shall consult prior to the appointment of the  
8 members of the Commission to achieve, to the max-  
9 imum extent possible, fair and equitable representa-  
10 tion of various points of view with respect to the  
11 matters to be studied by the Commission.

12 (4) TERM.—Each member shall be appointed  
13 for the life of the Commission.

14 (5) TIME FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The  
15 appointment of the members shall be made not later  
16 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this  
17 Act.

18 (6) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission  
19 shall be filled in the manner in which the original  
20 appointment was made, and shall be made not later  
21 than 60 days after the date on which the vacancy  
22 occurred.

23 (7) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The Director of  
24 the National Institute of Justice, the Director of the  
25 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Preven-

1       tion, the Director of the Community Capacity Devel-  
2       opment Office, the Director of the Bureau of Justice  
3       Statistics, the Director of the Bureau of Justice As-  
4       sistance, and the Director of Community Oriented  
5       Policing Services (or a representative of each such  
6       director) shall each serve in an ex officio capacity on  
7       the Commission to provide advice and information to  
8       the Commission.

9       (c) OPERATION.—

10       (1) CHAIRPERSON.—At the initial meeting of  
11       the Commission, the members of the Commission  
12       shall elect a chairperson from among its voting  
13       members, by a vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members of the  
14       Commission. The chairperson shall retain this posi-  
15       tion for the life of the Commission. If the chair-  
16       person leaves the Commission, a new chairperson  
17       shall be selected, by a vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members of  
18       the Commission.

19       (2) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at  
20       the call of the chairperson. The initial meeting of the  
21       Commission shall take place not later than 30 days  
22       after the date on which all the members of the Com-  
23       mission have been appointed.

24       (3) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
25       the Commission shall constitute a quorum to con-

1       duct business, and the Commission may establish a  
2       lesser quorum for conducting hearings scheduled by  
3       the Commission.

4           (4) RULES.—The Commission may establish by  
5       majority vote any other rules for the conduct of  
6       Commission business, if such rules are not incon-  
7       sistent with this Act or other applicable law.

8       (d) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall hold  
10      public hearings. The Commission may hold such  
11      hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take  
12      such testimony, and receive such evidence as the  
13      Commission considers advisable to carry out its du-  
14      ties under this section.

15          (2) FOCUS OF HEARINGS.—The Commission  
16      shall hold at least 3 separate public hearings, each  
17      of which shall focus on 1 of the subcategories.

18          (3) WITNESS EXPENSES.—Witnesses requested  
19      to appear before the Commission shall be paid the  
20      same fees as are paid to witnesses under section  
21      1821 of title 28, United States Code. The per diem  
22      and mileage allowances for witnesses shall be paid  
23      from funds appropriated to the Commission.

24       (e) COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF EVIDENCE-BASED  
25      CRIME PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall carry  
2           out a comprehensive study of the effectiveness of  
3           crime and delinquency prevention and intervention  
4           strategies, organized around the 3 subcategories.

5           (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The study under  
6           paragraph (1) shall include—

7                   (A) a review of research on the general ef-  
8                   fectiveness of incorporating crime prevention  
9                   and intervention strategies into an overall law  
10                  enforcement plan;

11                  (B) an evaluation of how to more effec-  
12                  tively communicate the wealth of social science  
13                  research to practitioners;

14                  (C) a review of evidence regarding the ef-  
15                  fectiveness of specific crime prevention and  
16                  intervention strategies, focusing on those strate-  
17                  gies supported by rigorous evidence;

18                  (D) an identification of—

19                          (i) promising areas for further re-  
20                          search and development; and

21                          (ii) other areas representing gaps in  
22                          the body of knowledge that would benefit  
23                          from additional research and development;

1 (E) an assessment of the best practices for  
 2 implementing prevention and intervention strat-  
 3 egies;

4 (F) an assessment of the best practices for  
 5 gathering rigorous evidence regarding the im-  
 6 plementation of intervention and prevention  
 7 strategies; and

8 (G) an assessment of those top-tier strate-  
 9 gies best suited for duplication efforts in a  
 10 range of settings across the country.

11 (3) INITIAL REPORT ON TOP-TIER CRIME PRE-  
 12 VENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES.—

13 (A) DISTRIBUTION.—Not later than 18  
 14 months after the date on which all members of  
 15 the Commission have been appointed, the Com-  
 16 mission shall submit a public report on the  
 17 study carried out under this subsection to—

- 18 (i) the President;
- 19 (ii) Congress;
- 20 (iii) the Attorney General;
- 21 (iv) the Chief Federal Public Defender
- 22 of each district;
- 23 (v) the chief executive of each State;
- 24 (vi) the Director of the Administrative
- 25 Office of the Courts of each State;

1 (vii) the Director of the Administra-  
2 tive Office of the United States Courts;  
3 and

4 (viii) the attorney general of each  
5 State.

6 (B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-  
7 paragraph (A) shall include—

8 (i) the findings and conclusions of the  
9 Commission;

10 (ii) a summary of the top-tier strate-  
11 gies, including—

12 (I) a review of the rigorous evi-  
13 dence supporting the designation of  
14 each strategy as top-tier;

15 (II) a brief outline of the keys to  
16 successful implementation for each  
17 strategy; and

18 (III) a list of references and  
19 other information on where further in-  
20 formation on each strategy can be  
21 found;

22 (iii) recommended protocols for imple-  
23 menting crime and delinquency prevention  
24 and intervention strategies generally;

1 (iv) recommended protocols for evalu-  
 2 ating the effectiveness of crime and delin-  
 3 quency prevention and intervention strate-  
 4 gies; and

5 (v) a summary of the materials relied  
 6 upon by the Commission in preparation of  
 7 the report.

8 (C) CONSULTATION WITH OUTSIDE AU-  
 9 THORITIES.—In developing the recommended  
 10 protocols for implementation and rigorous eval-  
 11 uation of top-tier crime and delinquency preven-  
 12 tion and intervention strategies under this para-  
 13 graph, the Commission shall consult with the  
 14 Committee on Law and Justice at the National  
 15 Academy of Science and with national associa-  
 16 tions representing the law enforcement and so-  
 17 cial science professions, including the National  
 18 Sheriffs' Association, the Police Executive Re-  
 19 search Forum, the International Association of  
 20 Chiefs of Police, the Consortium of Social  
 21 Science Associations, and the American Society  
 22 of Criminology.

23 (f) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING INNOVATIVE  
 24 CRIME PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES.—

25 (1) SUBMISSION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days  
2 after the date of the final hearing under sub-  
3 section (d) relating to a subcategory, the Com-  
4 mission shall provide the Director of the Na-  
5 tional Institute of Justice and the Attorney  
6 General with recommendations on qualifying  
7 considerations relating to that subcategory for  
8 selecting recipients of contracts, cooperative  
9 agreements, and grants under section 5.

10 (B) DEADLINE.—Not later than 13  
11 months after the date on which all members of  
12 the Commission have been appointed, the Com-  
13 mission shall provide all recommendations re-  
14 quired under this subsection.

15 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The recommenda-  
16 tions provided under paragraph (1) shall include rec-  
17 ommendations relating to—

18 (A) the types of strategies for the applica-  
19 ble subcategory that would best benefit from  
20 additional research and development;

21 (B) any geographic or demographic tar-  
22 gets;

23 (C) the types of partnerships with other  
24 public or private entities that might be perti-  
25 nent and prioritized; and

1 (D) any classes of crime and delinquency  
 2 prevention and intervention strategies that  
 3 should not be given priority because of a pre-  
 4 existing base of knowledge that would benefit  
 5 less from additional research and development.

6 (g) FINAL REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF INNOVA-  
 7 TIVE CRIME PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATE-  
 8 GIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the close of the 3-  
 10 year period for the evaluation of an innovative strat-  
 11 egy under section 5, the Commission shall collect the  
 12 results of the evaluation and shall submit a public  
 13 report to the President, the Attorney General, Con-  
 14 gress, the chief executive of each State, and the at-  
 15 torney general of each State describing each strategy  
 16 funded under section 5 and the results of the strat-  
 17 egy. The report under this paragraph shall be sub-  
 18 mitted not later than 5 years after the date of the  
 19 selection of the chairperson of the Commission.

20 (2) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND EVI-  
 21 DENCE REGARDING RECIPIENTS.—The collection of  
 22 information and evidence by the Commission regard-  
 23 ing each recipient of a contract, cooperative agree-  
 24 ment, or grant under section 5 shall be carried out  
 25 by—

1 (A) ongoing communications with the  
2 grant administrator at the National Institute of  
3 Justice and other appropriate officers at other  
4 components of the Department of Justice;

5 (B) visits by representatives of the Com-  
6 mission (including at least 1 member of the  
7 Commission) to the site where the recipient of  
8 a contract, cooperative agreement, or grant is  
9 carrying out the strategy funded under section  
10 5, at least once in the second and once in the  
11 third year of the contract, cooperative agree-  
12 ment, or grant;

13 (C) a review of the data generated by the  
14 study monitoring the effectiveness of the strat-  
15 egy; and

16 (D) other means as necessary.

17 (3) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report sub-  
18 mitted under paragraph (1) shall include a review of  
19 each strategy carried out with a contract, coopera-  
20 tive agreement, or grant under section 5, detailing—

21 (A) the type of crime or delinquency pre-  
22 vention or intervention strategy;

23 (B) where the activities under the strategy  
24 were carried out, including geographic and de-  
25 mographic targets;

1 (C) any partnerships with public or private  
 2 entities through the course of the period of the  
 3 contract, cooperative agreement, or grant;

4 (D) the type and design of the effective-  
 5 ness study conducted under section 5(b)(4) or  
 6 section 5(c)(2)(C) for that strategy;

7 (E) the results of the effectiveness study  
 8 conducted under section 5(b)(4) or section  
 9 5(c)(2)(C) for that strategy;

10 (F) lessons learned regarding implementa-  
 11 tion of that strategy or of the effectiveness  
 12 study conducted under section 5(b)(4) or sec-  
 13 tion 5(c)(2)(C), including recommendations re-  
 14 garding which types of environments might best  
 15 be suited for successful replication; and

16 (G) recommendations regarding the need  
 17 for further research and development of the  
 18 strategy.

19 (h) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

20 (1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the  
 21 Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-  
 22 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates author-  
 23 ized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of  
 24 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while



1 away from their homes or regular places of business  
2 in the performance of service for the Commission.

3 (2) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Members of  
4 the Commission shall serve without compensation.

5 (3) STAFF.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The chairperson of the  
7 Commission may, without regard to the civil  
8 service laws and regulations, appoint and termi-  
9 nate an executive director and such other addi-  
10 tional personnel as may be necessary to enable  
11 the Commission to perform its duties. The em-  
12 ployment of an executive director shall be sub-  
13 ject to confirmation by the Commission.

14 (B) COMPENSATION.—The chairperson of  
15 the Commission may fix the compensation of  
16 the executive director and other personnel with-  
17 out regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and  
18 subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United  
19 States Code, relating to classification of posi-  
20 tions and General Schedule pay rates, except  
21 that the rate of pay for the executive director  
22 and other personnel may not exceed the rate  
23 payable for level V of the Executive Schedule  
24 under section 5316 of such title.

1           (4) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—With  
2           the affirmative vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members of the  
3           Commission, any Federal Government employee,  
4           with the approval of the head of the appropriate  
5           Federal agency, may be detailed to the Commission  
6           without reimbursement, and such detail shall be  
7           without interruption or loss of civil service status,  
8           benefits, or privileges.

9           (i) CONTRACTS FOR RESEARCH.—

10          (1) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE.—With a  
11           $\frac{2}{3}$  affirmative vote of the members of the Commis-  
12          sion, the Commission may select nongovernmental  
13          researchers and experts to assist the Commission in  
14          carrying out its duties under this Act. The National  
15          Institute of Justice shall contract with the research-  
16          ers and experts selected by the Commission to pro-  
17          vide funding in exchange for their services.

18          (2) OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—Nothing in this  
19          subsection shall be construed to limit the ability of  
20          the Commission to enter into contracts with other  
21          entities or organizations for research necessary to  
22          carry out the duties of the Commission under this  
23          section.

1 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 2 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out  
 3 this section.

4 (k) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
 5 on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the  
 6 Commission submits the last report required by this sec-  
 7 tion.

8 (l) EXEMPTION.—The Commission shall be exempt  
 9 from the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

10 **SEC. 5. INNOVATIVE CRIME PREVENTION AND INTERVEN-**  
 11 **TION STRATEGIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may fund  
 13 the implementation and evaluation of innovative crime or  
 14 delinquency prevention or intervention strategies through  
 15 coordinated initiatives, as described in subsection (b),  
 16 through grants authorized under subsection (c), or a com-  
 17 bination of the coordinated initiatives and grants.

18 (b) COORDINATED INITIATIVES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, act-  
 20 ing through the Director of the National Institute of  
 21 Justice, may coordinate efforts between the National  
 22 Institute of Justice and other appropriate compo-  
 23 nents of the Department of Justice to implement  
 24 and rigorously evaluate innovative crime or delin-  
 25 quency prevention or intervention strategies.

1           (2) SELECTION OF STRATEGIES.—The Director  
 2           of the National Institute of Justice, in consultation  
 3           with the heads of other appropriate components of  
 4           the Department of Justice, shall identify innovative  
 5           crime or delinquency prevention or intervention  
 6           strategies that would best benefit from additional  
 7           funding and evaluation, taking into consideration the  
 8           recommendations of the Commission under section  
 9           4(f).

10           (3) PROGRAM OFFICE ROLE.—The head of any  
 11           appropriate component of the Department of Jus-  
 12           tice, as determined by the Attorney General, may  
 13           provide incentives under a contract, cooperative  
 14           agreement, or grant entered into or made by the  
 15           component, including a competitive preference pri-  
 16           ority and providing additional funds, for a public or  
 17           private entity to—

18                   (A) implement a strategy identified under  
 19                   paragraph (2); or

20                   (B) participate in the evaluation under  
 21                   paragraph (4) of the strategies identified under  
 22                   paragraph (2).

23           (4) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EVALUA-  
 24           TION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the  
2 National Institute of Justice may enter into or  
3 make contracts, cooperative agreements, or  
4 grants to conduct a rigorous study of the effec-  
5 tiveness of each strategy relating to which an  
6 incentive is provided under paragraph (3).

7 (B) AMOUNT AND DURATION.—A contract,  
8 cooperative agreement, or grant under subpara-  
9 graph (A) shall be for not more than \$700,000,  
10 and shall be for a period of not more than 3  
11 years.

12 (C) METHODOLOGY OF STUDY.—Each  
13 study conducted under subparagraph (A) shall  
14 use a study design that is likely to produce rig-  
15 orous evidence of the effectiveness of the strat-  
16 egy and, where feasible, measure outcomes  
17 using available administrative data, such as po-  
18 lice arrest records, so as to minimize the costs  
19 of the study.

20 (c) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National  
22 Institute of Justice may make grants to public and  
23 private entities to fund the implementation and eval-  
24 uation of innovative crime or delinquency prevention  
25 or intervention strategies. The purpose of grants

under this subsection shall be to provide funds for all expenses related to the implementation of such a strategy and to conduct a rigorous study on the effectiveness of that strategy.

(2) GRANT DISTRIBUTION.—

(A) PERIOD.—A grant under this subsection shall be made for a period of not more than 3 years.

(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of each grant under this subsection—

(i) shall be sufficient to ensure that rigorous evaluations may be performed; and

(ii) shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

(C) EVALUATION SET-ASIDE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—A grantee shall use not less than \$300,000 and not more than \$700,000 of the funds from a grant under this subsection for a rigorous study of the effectiveness of the strategy during the 3-year period of the grant for that strategy.

(ii) METHODOLOGY OF STUDY.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Each study conducted under clause (i) shall use an evaluator and a study design ap-

1 proved by the employee of the Na-  
2 tional Institute of Justice hired or as-  
3 signed under subsection (e) and,  
4 where feasible, measure outcomes  
5 using available administrative data,  
6 such as police arrest records, so as to  
7 minimize the costs of the study.

8 (II) CRITERIA.—The employee of  
9 the National Institute of Justice hired  
10 or assigned under subsection (e) shall  
11 approve—

12 (aa) an evaluator that has  
13 successfully carried out multiple  
14 studies producing rigorous evi-  
15 dence of effectiveness; and

16 (bb) a proposed study design  
17 that is likely to produce rigorous  
18 evidence of the effectiveness of  
19 the strategy.

20 (III) APPROVAL.—Before a grant  
21 is awarded under this subsection, the  
22 evaluator and study design of a grant-  
23 ee shall be approved by the employee  
24 of the National Institute of Justice

1                   hired or assigned under subsection  
2                   (e).

3                   (D) DATE OF AWARD.—Not later than 6  
4                   months after the date of receiving recommenda-  
5                   tions relating to a subcategory from the Com-  
6                   mission under section 4(f), the Director of the  
7                   National Institute of Justice shall award all  
8                   grants under this subsection relating to that  
9                   subcategory.

10                  (E) TYPE OF GRANTS.—One-third of the  
11                  grants made under this subsection shall be  
12                  made in each subcategory. In distributing  
13                  grants, the recommendations of the Commission  
14                  under section 4(f) shall be considered.

15                  (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16                  are authorized to be appropriated \$18,000,000 to carry  
17                  out subsections (b) and (c).

18                  (e) DEDICATED STAFF.—

19                  (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National  
20                  Institute of Justice shall hire or assign a full-time  
21                  employee to oversee the contracts, cooperative agree-  
22                  ments, and grants under this section.

23                  (2) STUDY OVERSIGHT.—The employee of the  
24                  National Institute of Justice hired or assigned under  
25                  paragraph (1) shall be responsible for ensuring that



1 recipients of a contract, cooperative agreement, or  
2 grant under this section adhere to the study design  
3 approved before the contract, cooperative agreement,  
4 or grant was entered into or awarded.

5 (3) LIAISON.—The employee of the National  
6 Institute of Justice hired or assigned under para-  
7 graph (1) may be used as a liaison between the  
8 Commission and the recipients of a contract, cooper-  
9 ative agreement, or grant under this section. The  
10 employee shall be responsible for ensuring timely co-  
11 operation with Commission requests.

12 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
13 There are authorized to be appropriated \$150,000  
14 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to carry  
15 out this subsection.

16 (f) APPLICATIONS.—A public or private entity desir-  
17 ing a contract, cooperative agreement, or grant under this  
18 section shall submit an application at such time, in such  
19 manner, and accompanied by such information as the Di-  
20 rector of the National Institute of Justice or other appro-  
21 priate component of the Department of Justice may rea-  
22 sonably require.

23 (g) COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION.—A per-  
24 son entering into a contract or cooperative agreement or  
25 receiving a grant under this section shall cooperate with

1 the Commission in providing the Commission with full in-  
 2 formation on the progress of the strategy being carried  
 3 out with a contract, cooperative agreement, or grant under  
 4 this section, including—

5 (1) hosting visits by the members of the Com-  
 6 mission to the site where the activities under the  
 7 strategy are being carried out;

8 (2) providing pertinent information on the lo-  
 9 gistics of establishing the strategy for which the con-  
 10 tract, cooperative agreement, or grant under this  
 11 section was received, including details on partner-  
 12 ships, selection of participants, and any efforts to  
 13 publicize the strategy; and

14 (3) responding to any specific inquiries that  
 15 may be made by the Commission.

16 **SEC. 6. FUNDING.**

17 Section 524(c) of title 28, United States Code, is  
 18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(12) For the first full fiscal year after the date of  
 20 enactment of the PRECAUTION Act, and each fiscal year  
 21 thereafter through the end of the fifth full fiscal year after  
 22 such date of enactment, there is appropriated to the Attor-  
 23 ney General from the Fund \$4,750,000 to carry out the  
 24 PRECAUTION Act.”.

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