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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To improve security at State and local courthouses.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Local Courthouse Safe-
3 ty Act of 2012”.

4 **SEC. 2. SECURITY TRAINING.**

5 Part D of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
6 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3741 et seq.) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 403. PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW EN-
9 FORCEMENT AND ENSURING OFFICER RESIL-
10 IENCE AND SURVIVABILITY.**

11 “The Director may carry out a training and technical
12 assistance program designed to teach employees of State,
13 local, and tribal law enforcement agencies how to antici-
14 pate, survive, and respond to violent encounters during the
15 course of their duties, including duties relating to security
16 at State, county, and tribal courthouses. If the Director
17 offers a training program specifically designed to train
18 participants on courthouse security issues, preference for
19 admission into such program shall be given to employees
20 of jurisdictions that have magnetometers available for use
21 at their courthouses.”.

22 **SEC. 3. STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE.**

23 The State Justice Institute Act of 1984 is amended—

24 (1) in section 203(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
25 10702(b)(1)), in the matter preceding subparagraph
26 (A), by inserting “, safe,” after “a fair”; and

1 (2) in section 206 (42 U.S.C. 10705)—

2 (A) in subsection (c)—

3 (i) in paragraph (14)—

4 (I) by inserting “to” before “con-
5 duct”; and

6 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

7 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (15)
8 as paragraph (16); and

9 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (14)
10 the following:

11 “(15) to improve the safety and security of
12 State and local courts; and”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(g) MAGNETOMETERS.—In the case of a grant
15 awarded under this section to be used as described in sub-
16 section (c)(15), if the State or local court applying for the
17 grant does not have magnetometers available for use, not
18 less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 of the matching
19 fund required under subsection (d) of the State or local
20 court shall be used to acquire a magnetometer.”.

21 **SEC. 4. SECURITY EQUIPMENT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 5 of
23 title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding after
24 section 559 the following:

1 **“§ 560. Surplus security equipment for State and**
2 **local courts**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 “(1) the term ‘surplus security equipment’
5 means surplus property that is used to detect weap-
6 ons, including metal detectors, wands, and baggage
7 screening devices; and

8 “(2) the term ‘qualifying State or local court-
9 house’ means a courthouse of a State or local gov-
10 ernment that has less security equipment than the
11 security needs of the courthouse require.

12 “(b) DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS SECURITY EQUIP-
13 MENT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of this subchapter, the Administrator of
16 General Services shall ensure that a qualifying State
17 or local courthouse has an opportunity to request to
18 receive surplus security equipment for use at the
19 qualifying State or local courthouse before the sur-
20 plus security equipment is made available to any
21 other individual or entity under this subchapter.

22 “(2) DISPOSAL.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
24 graph (B), upon request by a qualifying State
25 or local courthouse for surplus security equip-
26 ment for use at the qualifying State or local

1 courthouse, the surplus security equipment shall
2 be made available to the qualifying State or
3 local courthouse without cost, except for any
4 costs of shipping, handling, and maintenance.

5 “(B) MULTIPLE REQUESTS.—If more than
6 1 qualifying State or local courthouse requests
7 a particular piece of surplus security equip-
8 ment, the surplus security equipment shall be
9 distributed based on need, as determined by the
10 Administrator of General Services, with priority
11 given to a qualifying State or local courthouse
12 that has no security equipment.”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
14 The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United
15 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
16 ing to section 559 the following:

“560. Surplus security equipment for State and local courts.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 11,
2012.

Attest:

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Clerk.