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To further the mission of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Advisory Committee by continuing its development of policy recommendations and technical solutions on information sharing and interoperability, and enhancing its pursuit of benefits and cost savings for local, State, tribal, and Federal justice agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself and Mr. REICHERT) 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 “Department of Justice
5 Global Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. GLOBAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING INITIA-**
2 **TIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “Committee”
4 means the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative
5 (Global) Advisory Committee established by the Attorney
6 General.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section
8 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
9 App.), the Committee shall not terminate unless termi-
10 nated by an Act of Congress. The Attorney General is au-
11 thorized to provide technical and financial assistance and
12 support services to the Committee to carry out the activi-
13 ties of the Committee, including the activities described
14 in subsection (c).

15 (c) ACTIVITIES.—In addition to any activities as-
16 signed to the Committee by the Attorney General, the
17 Committee shall—

18 (1) gather views from agencies of local, State,
19 and tribal governments and the Federal Government
20 and other entities that work to support public safety
21 and justice;

22 (2) recommend to the Attorney General meas-
23 ures to improve the administration of justice and
24 protect the public by promoting practices and tech-
25 nologies for database interoperability and the secure
26 sharing of justice and public safety information be-

1 tween local, State, and tribal governments and the
2 Federal Government; and

3 (3) submit to Congress an annual report re-
4 garding issues considered by the Committee and rec-
5 ommendations made to the Attorney General by the
6 Committee.

7 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that local, State, and tribal governments and other
9 relevant entities should use the recommendations devel-
10 oped and disseminated by the Committee in accordance
11 with this Act to evaluate, improve, and develop effective
12 strategies and technologies to improve public safety and
13 information sharing.

14 (e) INFORMATION FROM DOJ FUNDING APPLI-
15 CANTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that
17 is one year from the date of enactment of this Act,
18 the Attorney General shall require that any appli-
19 cant for a funding solicitation from the Department
20 of Justice for the implementation of an information
21 sharing solution shall include within the application
22 for such funding—

23 (A) how the information sharing solution
24 would comply with applicable standards en-
25 dorsed by the Committee; or

1 (B) in the case that such information shar-
 2 ing solution would not comply with such stand-
 3 ards, the reason for such non-compliance.

4 (2) INFORMATION NOT TO AFFECT AWARD DE-
 5 CISIONS.—Information provided by an applicant pur-
 6 suant to paragraph (1) shall not affect any decision
 7 for making an award to such applicant for the im-
 8 plementation of an information sharing solution un-
 9 less the agency making such award specifically re-
 10 quires use of applicable endorsed standards or speci-
 11 fications as a condition for accepting such award.

12 (3) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General is
 13 authorized to issue such regulations as may be nec-
 14 essary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

15 **SEC. 3. REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON INFOR-**
 16 **MATION SHARING BETWEEN CORRECTIONS**
 17 **AGENCIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,**
 18 **AND THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR**
 19 **ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION.**

20 (a) REVIEW.—The Attorney General, based on input
 21 from local, State, and tribal governments through the
 22 Committee and other components of the Department of
 23 Justice, shall review the state of information sharing be-
 24 tween corrections and law enforcement agencies of local,

1 State, and tribal governments and of the Federal Govern-
2 ment.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The review by the Attorney General
4 under subsection (a) shall—

5 (1) identify policy and technical barriers to ef-
6 fective information sharing;

7 (2) identify best practices for effective informa-
8 tion sharing; and

9 (3) assess ways for information sharing to im-
10 prove the awareness and safety of law enforcement
11 and corrections officials, including information shar-
12 ing by the Interstate Commission for Adult Offend-
13 ers Supervision.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall sub-
16 mit to Congress a report regarding the review under this
17 section, including a discussion of the recommendations of
18 the Committee and the efforts of the Department of Jus-
19 tice to address the recommendations.

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