

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5831

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for violent crimes by certain State or local law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 10, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself and Mr. CLAY) 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 “Police Accountability
5 Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. VIOLENT CRIMES BY CERTAIN STATE OR LOCAL**
2 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 28. Violent crimes by certain State or local law en-**
7 **forcement officers**

8 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever, being a State or local law
9 enforcement officer in a public agency which receives Fed-
10 eral justice assistance engages in any conduct that, were
11 the conduct to occur in the special maritime and territorial
12 jurisdiction of the United States, would constitute a Fed-
13 eral crime of violence, shall be punished as is provided for
14 that offense under Federal law.

15 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘State or local law enforcement
17 officer’ means an employee of a State or local gov-
18 ernment—

19 “(A) who has statutory authority to make
20 arrests or apprehensions;

21 “(B) who is authorized by the agency of
22 the employee to carry firearms; and

23 “(C) whose duties are primarily—

24 “(i) engagement in or supervision of
25 the prevention, detection, investigation, or

1 prosecution of, or the incarceration of any
2 person for, any violation of law; or

3 “(ii) the protection of Federal, State,
4 local, or foreign government officials
5 against threats to personal safety; and

6 “(2) the term ‘State or local government’
7 means the government—

8 “(A) of a State, the District of Columbia,
9 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any other
10 territory or possession of the United States; or

11 “(B) of a political subdivision of such a
12 State, District, Commonwealth, territory or
13 possession.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 18, United States
16 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 item:

“28. Violent crimes by certain State or local law enforcement officers.”.

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