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To require the collection of data by officers enforcing immigration law and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Immigration Enforce-
5 ment Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this section:

8 (1) IMMIGRATION LAWS.—The term “immigra-
9 tion laws” has the meaning given that term in sec-

tion 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17)).

(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL.—The term “law enforcement official” means—

(A) an officer of U.S. Customs and Border Protection;

(B) an officer of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; or

(C) an officer or employee of a State or a political subdivision of a State who is carrying out the functions of an immigration officer pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) or pursuant to any other agreement with the Department of Homeland Security.

SEC. 3. DATA COLLECTION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR DATA COLLECTION.—A law enforcement official who makes contact with an individual with the purpose or effect of enforcing an immigration law shall collect the following data:

(1) The law enforcement official’s basis for, or circumstances surrounding, such contact, including

1 if such individual's perceived race or ethnicity con-
2 tributed to such basis.

3 (2) The identifying characteristics of such indi-
4 vidual, including the individual's race, gender, eth-
5 nicity, and approximate age.

6 (3) If such contact resulted in a stop or search,
7 how long such a stop or search lasted, whether con-
8 sent was requested and obtained for such stop or
9 search, and the name of the person who provided
10 such consent.

11 (4) A description of any articulable facts and
12 behavior by the individual that demonstrate reason-
13 able suspicion to justify such stop or probable cause
14 to justify such search or attempt to enforce the im-
15 migration laws.

16 (5) A description of any items seized during
17 such search, including contraband or money, and a
18 specification of the type of search conducted.

19 (6) Whether any warning or citation was issued
20 as a result of such contact and the basis for such
21 warning or citation.

22 (7) Whether an arrest or detention was made
23 as a result of such contact, the justification for such
24 arrest or detention, and the ultimate disposition of
25 such arrest or detention.

1 (8) Whether the affected individual is under-
2 going immigration proceedings as of the date of the
3 annual report.

4 (9) If a warning, citation, arrest, or detention
5 is involved, the surname of the affected individual.

6 (10) The immigration status of the individual
7 involved and whether removal proceedings were sub-
8 sequently initiated against that individual.

9 (11) Whether any complaint was made by the
10 individual stopped or searched.

11 (b) COMPILATION OF DATA.—

12 (1) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
13 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.—The Secretary of
14 Homeland Security shall compile the data collected
15 under subsection (a) by officers of U.S. Customs
16 and Border Protection and officers of U.S. Immigra-
17 tion and Customs Enforcement.

18 (2) OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.—
19 The head of each agency, department, or other enti-
20 ty that employs law enforcement officials other than
21 officers referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

22 (A) compile the data collected by such law
23 enforcement officials pursuant to subsection
24 (a); and

1 (B) submit the compiled data to the Sec-
2 retary of Homeland Security.

3 (c) USE OF DATA.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
4 curity shall consider the data compiled under subsection
5 (b) in making policy and program decisions related to en-
6 forcement of the immigration laws.

7 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after
9 the effective date of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
10 Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress
11 a report on the data compiled under section 3(b).

12 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Each report submitted under
13 subsection (a) shall be made available to the public.

14 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 This Act shall take effect 60 days after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act.

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