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H. R. 1065

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 “POST Act of 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

6 (a) TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—For each fiscal year
7 after the expiration of the period specified in subsection
8 (b) in which a State receives funds for a program referred
9 to in subsection (c)(2), the State shall require that all indi-
10 viduals enrolled in an academy of a law enforcement agen-

1 cy of the State and all law enforcement officers of the
 2 State fulfill a training session on sensitivity each fiscal
 3 year, including training on ethnic and racial bias, cultural
 4 diversity, and police interaction with the disabled, men-
 5 tally ill, and new immigrants. In the case of individuals
 6 attending an academy, such training session shall be for
 7 8 hours, and in the case of all other law enforcement offi-
 8 cers, the training session shall be for 4 hours.

9 (b) COMPLIANCE AND INELIGIBILITY.—

10 (1) COMPLIANCE DATE.—Each State shall have
 11 not more than 120 days, beginning on the date of
 12 enactment of this Act, to comply with subsection (a),
 13 except that—

14 (A) the Attorney General may grant an ad-
 15 ditional 120 days to a State that is making
 16 good faith efforts to comply with such sub-
 17 section; and

18 (B) the Attorney General shall waive the
 19 requirements of subsection (a) if compliance
 20 with such subsection by a State would be un-
 21 constitutional under the constitution of such
 22 State.

23 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—For any fiscal
 24 year after the expiration of the period specified in
 25 paragraph (1), a State that fails to comply with sub-

1 section (a), shall, at the discretion of the Attorney
2 General, be subject to not more than a 20-percent
3 reduction of the funds that would otherwise be allo-
4 cated for that fiscal year to the State under subpart
5 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et
7 seq.), whether characterized as the Edward Byrne
8 Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assist-
9 ance Programs, the Local Government Law Enforce-
10 ment Block Grants Program, the Edward Byrne Me-
11 morial Justice Assistance Grant Program, or other-
12 wise.

13 (c) REALLOCATION.—Amounts not allocated under a
14 program referred to in subsection (b)(2) to a State for
15 failure to fully comply with subsection (a) shall be reallo-
16 cated under that program to States that have not failed
17 to comply with such subsection.

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