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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH 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 “Laquan McDonald
5 Camera Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO HAVE BODY-WORN CAMERAS**
2 **AND DASHBOARD CAMERA POLICIES.**

3 To be in compliance with this section, a State shall
4 require each law enforcement agency of that State and of
5 a unit of a local government of that State to have in effect
6 a policy requiring and prescribing the conditions for the
7 use of body-worn cameras and dashboard cameras by law
8 enforcement officers of that agency, and to establish pro-
9 cedures providing for the effective enforcement of that pol-
10 icy.

11 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS.**

12 (a) COVERED PROGRAMS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this Act, a
14 grant program is covered by this section if—

15 (A) the program is carried out by or under
16 the authority of the Attorney General; and

17 (B) the program may provide amounts to
18 States for law enforcement purposes.

19 (2) LIST.—For each fiscal year, the Attorney
20 General shall prepare a list identifying each program
21 that meets the criteria of paragraph (1) and provide
22 that list to each State.

23 (b) COMPLIANCE.—For each fiscal year, any amount
24 that a State would otherwise receive for that fiscal year
25 under a grant program covered by this section shall be
26 reduced by 10 percent, unless the State submits to the

1 Attorney General a certification that each law enforcement
2 agency of the State, and of each unit of local government
3 of the State, is in full compliance with the requirements
4 of section 2.

5 (c) CITIZEN SUITS.—In the case of a State that has
6 submitted a certification under subsection (b), if that
7 State has made any misrepresentation in that certification
8 pertaining to full compliance with the requirements of sec-
9 tion 2, a private citizen who is a resident of that State
10 may bring an action in a Federal district court to compel
11 the Attorney General to take appropriate action under
12 subsection (b). The court shall expedite consideration of
13 such an action, and advance it on the docket to the max-
14 imum extent practicable.

15 (d) REDISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts under
16 a grant program not granted by reason of a reduction
17 under subsection (b), shall be granted to one or more enti-
18 ties not subject to such reduction or such prohibition, sub-
19 ject to the other laws governing that program.

20 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The first grants to which
21 subsection (b) applies are grants for the fiscal year begin-
22 ning October 1, 2018.

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