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To direct the Attorney General to make grants to States to develop systems to retrieve firearms from armed prohibited persons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California) 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 “Armed Prohibited Per-
5 sons Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

7 The Attorney General may make grants to States to
8 develop and operate systems to retrieve firearms from
9 armed prohibited persons.

1 **SEC. 3. APPLICATIONS.**

2 A State seeking a grant under this Act shall submit
3 an application to the Attorney General at such time and
4 containing such information as the Attorney General may
5 reasonably require, including assurances that—

6 (1) any system that the State operates will pro-
7 vide an armed prohibited person with a reasonable
8 opportunity to lawfully dispose of such person’s fire-
9 arm before the State takes any action to retrieve
10 such a firearm;

11 (2) the State will contribute pertinent informa-
12 tion to the national instant criminal background
13 check system established under section 103(b) of the
14 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (34 U.S.C.
15 40901(b)); and

16 (3) the State has a plan for the continued oper-
17 ation and maintenance of the system or proposed
18 system to retrieve firearms from armed prohibited
19 persons.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) The term “armed prohibited person” means
23 a person—

24 (A) who possesses a firearm;

1 (B) who lawfully purchased such firearm
2 in accordance with all applicable Federal and
3 State law; and

4 (C) whose possession of such firearm, be-
5 cause of an act or omission committed by such
6 person, became unlawful under applicable Fed-
7 eral and State law (including section 922(g) of
8 title 18, United States Code).

9 (2) The term “firearm” has the meaning given
10 the term in section 921(a)(3) of title 18, United
11 States Code.

12 (3) The term “State” means each of the several
13 States, the District of Columbia, and each common-
14 wealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
17 may be necessary to carry out this Act for fiscal years
18 2019 through 2023.

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