

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2879

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to promote behavioral health crisis response training among law enforcement officers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2018

Mrs. McCASKILL 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 “Behavioral Health Cri-
5 sis Response Improvements Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING**
 2 **AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
 4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101
 5 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART NN—BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RE-**
 7 **SPONSE TRAINING AMONG LAW ENFORCE-**
 8 **MENT OFFICERS.**

9 **“SEC. 3041. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TRAIN-**
 10 **ING AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

11 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
 13 the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services;

14 “(2) the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State,
 15 local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency;
 16 and

17 “(3) the term ‘training provider’ means a per-
 18 son with which, using funds from a grant awarded
 19 under this section, an eligible entity contracts for be-
 20 havioral health crisis response training for law en-
 21 forcement officers.

22 “(b) GRANTS.—

23 “(1) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Di-
 24 rector may make grants on a competitive basis to el-
 25 igible entities to assist those eligible entities in ac-

1 quiring behavioral health crisis response training for
2 law enforcement officers.

3 “(2) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring
4 a grant under this section shall submit to the Direc-
5 tor an application at such time, in such manner, and
6 containing or accompanied by such information, as
7 the Director may reasonably require.

8 “(3) QUALIFICATION STANDARDS.—The Direc-
9 tor shall establish and publish qualification stand-
10 ards for training providers.”.

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
12 1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
13 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)) is amended by
14 adding at the end the following:

15 “(28) There are authorized to be appropriated
16 to carry out part NN \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal
17 years 2019 through 2021.”.

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