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# S. 2708

To improve communication between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and  
State law enforcement agencies.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To improve communication between the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation and State law enforcement agencies.

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 “Threat Information  
5       Protocol for Sharing Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) **APPROPRIATE RECIPIENTS.**—The term “ap-  
9       propriate recipients”, with respect to a State,  
10      means—

1 (A) the primary law enforcement agency of  
2 the State; and

3 (B) the State fusion center (as described  
4 in section 210A of the Homeland Security Act  
5 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h)).

6 (2) BUREAU.—The term “Bureau” means the  
7 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

8 (3) CRIMINAL EVENT.—The term “criminal  
9 event” means a misdemeanor or felony offense under  
10 Federal or State law resulting in a criminal arrest  
11 recorded in the National Crime Information Center  
12 of the Bureau.

13 (4) NATIONAL TIP LINE.—The term “national  
14 tip line”, with respect to the Bureau, means—

15 (A) the online electronic tip form main-  
16 tained by the Bureau; and

17 (B) any toll-free telephone number main-  
18 tained by the Bureau.

19 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
20 the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
21 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any other terri-  
22 tory or possession of the United States.

23 **SEC. 3. FBI MONTHLY REPORT TO STATES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
25 date of enactment of this Act, and each month thereafter,

1 the Director of the Bureau shall submit to the appropriate  
2 recipients for a State a report that describes all informa-  
3 tion received by the Bureau through the national tip line  
4 relating to an individual or threat in the State during the  
5 preceding month.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted to the appro-  
7 priate recipients for a State under subsection (a) shall  
8 contain all information provided to the Bureau through  
9 the national tip line relating to an individual or threat in  
10 the State, including—

- 11 (1) the name of each individual identified;
- 12 (2) the nature of each threat reported;
- 13 (3) the location of each threat reported;
- 14 (4) the date on which the Bureau received the  
15 information; and
- 16 (5) the action taken by the Bureau, if any.

17 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

18 (a) ANNUAL REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year  
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year  
20 thereafter, the Director of the Bureau shall submit to  
21 Congress a report detailing, for the preceding year—

- 22 (1) the total number of reports received  
23 through the national tip line relating to an indi-  
24 vidual or threat; and

1           (2) the total number of reports submitted to the  
2           appropriate recipients for each State under section  
3           3(a).

4           (b) ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING.—Not later than  
5           September 30 of the year beginning after the date of en-  
6           actment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Director  
7           of the Bureau shall submit to Congress a report detailing,  
8           for the preceding year—

9           (1) the total number of criminal events that  
10          took place during the year involving an individual or  
11          threat that had been the subject of a report received  
12          through the national tip line prior to the criminal  
13          event;

14          (2) any action taken by the Bureau—

15                (A) after the Bureau received a report de-  
16                scribed in paragraph (1); and

17                (B) before the related criminal event de-  
18                scribed in paragraph (1) occurred; and

19          (3) for each criminal event described in para-  
20          graph (1) with respect to which the Bureau did not  
21          take action after receiving the related report and be-  
22          fore the criminal event occurred, the accountability  
23          measures employed by the Bureau to address the  
24          failure to investigate the report, including any dis-

1 cipline, suspension, or termination of an employee of  
2 the Bureau.

3 (c) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-  
4 PORT.—

5 (1) REVIEW.—Not later than 60 days after the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-  
7 eral of the United States shall initiate a review of  
8 the processes and procedures of the Bureau relating  
9 to the operation of the national tip line.

10 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-  
12 eral of the United States shall submit to Congress  
13 a report based on the review conducted under para-  
14 graph (1) that includes—

15 (A) the manner in which the Bureau cata-  
16 logues or records information upon receipt  
17 through the national tip line;

18 (B) the manner in which the Bureau evalu-  
19 ates information described in subparagraph (A)  
20 for further review;

21 (C) the frequency with which the evalua-  
22 tion of information described in subparagraph  
23 (B) leads to further review or investigation by  
24 the Bureau or appropriate recipients for a  
25 State;

1                   (D) the manner in which the Bureau refers  
2                   information to appropriate recipients for a  
3                   State for further review or investigation; and

4                   (E) any recommended improvements to the  
5                   processes and procedures of the Bureau relating  
6                   to the operation of the national tip line.

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