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To conduct a study of the collection of biometric information by State law enforcement agencies, to establish a grant program to assist State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies to implement best practices, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2022

Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. HAGERTY) 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 “Biometric Collection
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING BIOMETRIC**
2 **INFORMATION.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Director of the Bureau of Justice
4 Statistics, in consultation with the Director of the Federal
5 Bureau of Investigation, shall conduct a study to deter-
6 mine how State law enforcement agencies collect biometric
7 information in the administration of the criminal justice
8 system.

9 (b) REPORT.—After completing the study required
10 under subsection (a), the Director of the Bureau of Jus-
11 tice Statistics shall submit a report containing the results
12 of such study to—

13 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
14 ate;

15 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (3) the Attorney General.

18 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Attorney General, in
19 consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Justice
20 Statistics and the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
21 vestigation, shall provide recommendations to the chief law
22 enforcement officer in each State that contain best prac-
23 tices for improving the collection of biometric information
24 in the administration of the criminal justice system, in-
25 cluding any legislative reform needed to implement such
26 improvements.

1 (d) FUNDING.—The study, report, and recommenda-
2 tions required under this section shall be carried out with
3 existing funding.

4 **SEC. 3. BIOMETRIC GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Attorney Gen-
6 eral of the Office of Justice Programs, working through
7 the appropriate administrative agency in each State, shall
8 award competitive grants to State, tribal, and local law
9 enforcement agencies to assist such agencies to implement
10 the best practices referred to in section 2(c).

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the
13 fiscal year 2023 through 2027 for grants authorized under
14 subsection (a).

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