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H. R. 2588

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain reporting to the uniform crime reporting program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mr. BACON) 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 “Improving Reporting
5 to Prevent Hate Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CREDIBLY REPORT HATE**
7 **CRIMES.**

8 Section 505 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
9 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10156) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) EVALUATION FOR REPORTING ON HATE
2 CRIMES.—Beginning not later than three years after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act and from the data ac-
4 quired by the Attorney General in accordance with the
5 Hate Crimes Statistics Act (34 U.S.C. 41305), the Attor-
6 ney General shall establish a method of evaluating and use
7 such method to evaluate whether a covered jurisdiction
8 has credibly reporting hate crimes, including whether, for
9 each year, a covered jurisdiction—

10 “(1) has not reported hate crime data to the
11 Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

12 “(2) has reported zero hate crime incidents to
13 the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

14 “(k) ELIGIBILITY.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A covered jurisdiction that
16 is found not to have credibly reported hate crimes
17 following an evaluation pursuant to subsection (j)
18 shall not be eligible for an allocation under this sec-
19 tion.

20 “(2) EXCEPTION.—A covered jurisdiction that
21 is found not to have credibly reported hate crimes
22 following an evaluation pursuant to subsection (j)
23 shall not be subject to a penalty under paragraph
24 (1) if the Attorney General certifies that the covered
25 jurisdiction has conducted significant community

1 public education and awareness initiatives on hate
2 crimes.

3 “(l) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each year the Attorney Gen-
4 eral shall publish on the internet website of the Depart-
5 ment of Justice a report on the covered jurisdictions cer-
6 tified under subsection (k)(2).

7 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) COVERED JURISDICTION.—The term ‘cov-
9 ered jurisdiction’ means a unit of local government
10 that has requested a grant under this subpart and
11 has a population of over 100,000 people.

12 “(2) HATE CRIME.—The term ‘hate crime’
13 means—

14 “(A) an act described in section 1(b)(1) of
15 the Hate Crime Statistics Act ((34 U.S.C.
16 41305(1)(b)(1)); and

17 “(B) an act in violation of sections 241,
18 245, 247, or 249 of title 18, United States
19 Code.

20 “(3) SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY PUBLIC EDU-
21 CATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES ON HATE
22 CRIMES.—The term ‘significant community public
23 education and awareness initiatives on hate crimes’
24 means that a covered jurisdiction—

25 “(A) has—

1 “(i) made substantial progress to-
2 wards comprehensive reporting hate
3 crimes;

4 “(ii) adopted a policy on identifying,
5 investigating, and reporting hate crimes;
6 and

7 “(iii) developed a standardized system
8 of collecting, analyzing, and reporting hate
9 crimes to the National Incident-Based Re-
10 porting System of the Federal Bureau of
11 Investigation; or

12 “(B) may—

13 “(i) establish a unit or liaison special-
14 ized in identifying, investigating, and re-
15 porting hate crimes and engaging in com-
16 munity relations functions related to pre-
17 venting hate crimes; or

18 “(ii) conduct an ongoing and regular
19 public meetings or educational forums on
20 the impact of hate crimes, services avail-
21 able to victims of hate crimes, and any rel-
22 evant Federal, State, or local laws related
23 to hate crimes.”.

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