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H. R. 2602

To enhance enforcement of laws related to cybercrimes against persons, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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against persons, and for other purposes.

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 “Prioritizing Online
5 Threat Enforcement Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC RE-**
7 **SOURCES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS RE-**
8 **LATED TO CYBERCRIMES AGAINST PERSONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
10 propriations to carry out this subsection, the Attorney

1 General, in consultation with the Director of the Federal
2 Bureau of Investigation, shall, with respect to cybercrimes
3 against persons—

4 (1) ensure that there are at least 10 additional
5 operational agents of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
6 tigation designated to support the Criminal Division
7 of the Department of Justice in the investigation
8 and coordination of cybercrimes against persons;

9 (2) ensure that each office of a United States
10 Attorney designates at least 1 Assistant United
11 States Attorney as responsible for investigating and
12 prosecuting cybercrimes against persons; and

13 (3) ensure the implementation of a regular and
14 comprehensive training program—

15 (A) the purpose of which is to train agents
16 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the
17 investigation and prosecution of such crimes
18 and the enforcement of laws related to cyber-
19 crimes against persons; and

20 (B) that includes relevant forensic training
21 related to investigating and prosecuting cyber-
22 crimes against persons.

23 (b) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR RESOURCES.—

24 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—In addition to amounts
25 otherwise authorized for resources to investigate and

1 prosecute criminal activity, there are authorized to
2 be appropriated to carry out this section \$4,000,000
3 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

4 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appropriated
5 under paragraph (1) shall remain available until ex-
6 pended.

7 (3) USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—Funds
8 made available under this subsection shall be used
9 by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
10 tion and the Attorney General, for the Federal Bu-
11 reau of Investigation and the Criminal Division of
12 the Department of Justice, respectively, to—

13 (A) hire and train law enforcement officers

14 to—

15 (i) investigate cybercrimes against
16 person; and

17 (ii) assist in the prosecution of such
18 crimes; and

19 (B) enable relevant units of the Depart-
20 ment of Justice, including units responsible for
21 investigating cybercrimes against persons, to
22 procure advanced tools of forensic science and
23 expert computer forensic assistance, including
24 from non-governmental entities, to investigate,
25 prosecute, and study such crimes.

1 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

2 (a) REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not
3 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall
5 submit a report to Congress on actions taken to carry out
6 this Act. The initial report required under this subsection
7 shall be submitted by May 1, 2016. All subsequent annual
8 reports shall be submitted by May 1st of each fiscal year
9 thereafter. The report required under this subsection may
10 be submitted as part of the annual performance report of
11 the Department of Justice, and shall include, with respect
12 to the authorizations under section 2, the following:

13 (1) The number of law enforcement officers
14 hired and trained.

15 (2) The number and type of investigations and
16 prosecutions resulting from law enforcement officers
17 designated to cybercrimes against persons.

18 (3) The advanced tools of forensic science pro-
19 cured to investigate, prosecute, and study cyber-
20 crimes against persons.

21 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF CYBERCRIMES AGAINST PERSONS.**

22 The term “cybercrimes against persons” means cy-
23 berstalking, criminal harassment carried out over the
24 Internet, or threats communicated over the Internet, in-

1 cluding violations of section 875 or 2261A of title 18,
2 United States Code.

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