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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VEASEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Police Protection Act  
5       of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING REPORTS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**  
2 **CERS IN THE EVENT OF AN INJURY OR FA-**  
3 **TALITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in fiscal year 2021 and  
5 each fiscal year thereafter, the Attorney General shall re-  
6 duce by 10 percent the amount that a State or unit of  
7 local government would otherwise receive under a grant  
8 program described in subsection (b), if the State or unit  
9 of local government does not have in place a law requiring  
10 the submission of reports by State and local law enforce-  
11 ment officers that is substantially similar to the reporting  
12 requirement under section 3.

13 (b) GRANT PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.—The grant pro-  
14 grams described in this subsection are the following:

15 (1) The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice As-  
16 sistance Grant Program under subpart 1 of part E  
17 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
18 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151 et seq.).

19 (2) The “Cops on the Beat” grant program  
20 under part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-  
21 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381  
22 et seq.).

23 (c) REALLOCATION.—Amounts not allocated under a  
24 program described in subsection (b) to a State or unit of  
25 local government for failure to comply with this section  
26 shall be reallocated under that program to States and

1 units of local government that are in compliance with this  
2 section.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL LAW EN-**  
4 **FORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—In the case that an individual  
6 is injured or killed by a Federal law enforcement officer  
7 while in the custody or control of the officer, or otherwise  
8 in the course of the law enforcement officer’s employ-  
9 ment—

10 (1) not later than 24 hours after such injury or  
11 death occurs, such law enforcement officer shall sub-  
12 mit to the Attorney General a report, which de-  
13 scribes, in detail, the facts and circumstances sur-  
14 rounding such injury or death;

15 (2) any Federal law enforcement officer who is  
16 present at the time of the injury or death, or is in-  
17 volved during the 12-hour period following the injury  
18 or death in the transportation or care of the indi-  
19 vidual, or any administrative procedures relating to  
20 the individual, shall, not later than 24 hours after  
21 the conclusion of such involvement, submit to the  
22 Attorney General a report, which describes, in detail,  
23 the facts and circumstances surrounding such in-  
24 volvement; and

1           (3) the Inspector General of the Department of  
2       Justice shall investigate the facts and circumstances  
3       surrounding such injury or death, and submit a re-  
4       port to the Attorney General not later than 60 days  
5       after such injury or death.

6       (b) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Whoever, being a Federal  
7       law enforcement officer required to submit a report under  
8       subsection (a), knowingly—

9           (1) fails to submit such a report; or

10          (2) submits a report containing false or mis-  
11       leading information,

12       shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, impris-  
13       oned not more than 5 years, or both.

14       (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “Federal law  
15       enforcement officer” has the meaning given the term in  
16       section 115 of title 18, United States Code.

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