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H. R. 7136

To require the creation and adoption of national minimum training requirements for law enforcement personnel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POCAN (for himself and Mrs. HAYES) 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 “Police Training and
5 Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND**
7 **STANDARDS.**

8 (a) TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—The Civilian Com-
9 mission on Modern Law Enforcement Training shall es-
10 tablish a single national training requirement every law

1 enforcement officer in America should, at minimum, meet
2 before being permitted to perform the duties of a law en-
3 forcement officer.

4 (b) TRAINING STANDARDS.—The training require-
5 ment established pursuant to this section shall be uniform
6 and include, at minimum, standards pertaining to—

- 7 (1) a minimum level of education attainment
8 (while not prohibiting high school graduates from
9 employment consideration for entry-level positions);
- 10 (2) a minimum number of training hours;
- 11 (3) use of force;
- 12 (4) use of lethal force;
- 13 (5) implicit bias;
- 14 (6) conflict resolution, mediation, and de-esca-
15 lation practices;
- 16 (7) pursuit;
- 17 (8) video technology;
- 18 (9) stop and search procedures; and
- 19 (10) intervention programs.

20 **SEC. 3. ADOPTION OF TRAINING STANDARDS REQUIRED.**

21 Any employer of a law enforcement officer who has
22 not completed training satisfying the requirements of sec-
23 tion 2 of this Act shall be ineligible for any Federal funds
24 made available by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice
25 Assistance Grant Program.

1 **SEC. 4. CIVILIAN-LAW ENFORCEMENT BILL OF RIGHTS.**

2 The Civilian Commission on Modern Law Enforce-
3 ment Training established by this Act shall issue a Civil-
4 ian-Law Enforcement Bill of Rights describing the rights
5 every person has when interacting with law enforcement.
6 This Bill of Rights shall be adhered to by every recipient
7 of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
8 Program award.

9 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (a) The term “law enforcement officer” means any
12 officer, agent, or employee of the Federal Government, a
13 State, a unit of local government, or an Indian tribe au-
14 thorized by law or by a government agency to engage in
15 or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of
16 any violation of criminal law, or authorized by law to su-
17 pervise sentenced criminal offenders.

18 (b) The term “Civilian Commission on Modern Law
19 Enforcement Training” means an independent commis-
20 sion established pursuant to this Act within the Depart-
21 ment of Justice that consists of persons without a history
22 of military or law enforcement employment. Members of
23 the Commission shall be equally appointed by the Speaker
24 of the U.S. House of Representatives and the majority
25 leader of the U.S. Senate.

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