

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7648

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

MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

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 2024”.

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 hate crime public education and awareness initia-
2 tives.

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) SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY HATE CRIME PUB-
8 LIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES.—The
9 term ‘significant community hate crime public education
10 and awareness initiatives’ means that a covered jurisdic-
11 tion—

12 “(1) has—

13 “(A) made substantial progress towards
14 comprehensive reporting hate crimes;

15 “(B) adopted a policy on identifying, inves-
16 tigating, and reporting hate crimes; and

17 “(C) developed a standardized system of
18 collecting, analyzing, and reporting hate crimes
19 to the National Incident-Based Reporting Sys-
20 tem of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

21 “(2) may—

22 “(A) establish a unit or liaison specialized
23 in identifying, investigating, and reporting hate
24 crimes and engaging in community relations
25 functions related to preventing hate crimes; or

1 “(B) conduct an ongoing and regular pub-
2 lic meetings or educational forums on the im-
3 pact of hate crimes, services available to victims
4 of hate crimes, and any relevant Federal, State,
5 or local laws related to hate crimes.

6 “(n) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

○