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H. R. 8477

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a curriculum to train State, local, Tribal, territorial, and campus law enforcement agencies to identify, investigate, and report acts of organized retail crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2024

Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself and Mr. LALOTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Supporting Law En-
5 forcement Officers’ Ability to Combat Organized Retail
6 Crime Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLETC CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT TO COMBAT**
2 **ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 884 of the Homeland Se-
4 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 464) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) in paragraph (9), by striking “and”
7 after the semicolon;

8 (B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as
9 paragraph (11); and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
11 following new paragraph (10):

12 “(10) in consultation with the Office for State
13 and Local Government Coordination under section
14 801, develop guidance, outreach, trainings, pro-
15 grams, and materials designed to educate State,
16 local, Tribal, territorial, and campus law enforce-
17 ment agencies regarding the threats posed by orga-
18 nized retail crime and how to properly identify, in-
19 vestigate, and report instances of organized retail
20 crime; and”;

21 (2) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as
22 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

23 (3) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
24 lowing new subsections:

25 “(g) PROVISION OF CERTAIN TRAININGS.—Trainings
26 developed under subsection (c)(10) may be provided by the

1 Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers or another
2 accredited academy of the Department.

3 “(h) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—To the extent
4 practicable, the Secretary, in coordination with the Direc-
5 tor and the Under Secretary for Science and Technology
6 of the Department, shall carry out research and develop-
7 ment, including operational testing, of technologies and
8 techniques for enhancing the security and situational
9 awareness support provided by the Department to Fed-
10 eral, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and campus officials
11 relating to efforts to combat organized retail crime, in ac-
12 cordance with applicable constitutional, privacy, civil
13 rights, and civil liberties protections.”.

14 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
15 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act—

17 (1) the Director of the Federal Law Enforce-
18 ment Training Centers of the Department of Home-
19 land Security shall develop the guidance, outreach,
20 trainings, programs, and materials required under
21 paragraph (10) of subsection (c) of section 884 of
22 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 464),
23 as added by subsection (a)(1)(C); and

24 (2) the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
25 carry out the research and development required

1 under subsection (h) of such section, as added by
2 subsection (a)(3).

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