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H. R. 8709

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into an arrangement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a comprehensive study on the health care impacts of the use of kinetic impact projectiles in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2020

Ms. FUDGE (for herself, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BASS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CLAY, and Ms. ADAMS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Analyzing Kinetic Im-
3 pact Projectiles Against Americans Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON HEALTH CARE IMPACTS OF THE USE OF**
5 **KINETIC IMPACT PROJECTILES IN THE**
6 **UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
9 and Human Services shall enter into an arrangement with
10 the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and
11 Medicine (or, if the National Academies decline to enter
12 into such arrangement, another appropriate entity) under
13 which, not later than 1 year after such date of enactment,
14 the National Academies (or other appropriate entity) will
15 complete a comprehensive study on the health care im-
16 pacts of the use of kinetic impact projectiles in the United
17 States.

18 (b) REQUIRED ANALYSIS.—The study conducted pur-
19 suant to subsection (a) shall include an analysis of each
20 of the following:

21 (1) The frequency and severity of injuries and
22 health impacts caused by the use of kinetic impact
23 projectiles on individuals domestically.

24 (2) The settings related to the use of kinetic
25 impact projectiles.

1 (3) A statistical review of the frequency of use
2 of kinetic impact projectiles by law enforcement enti-
3 ties domestically.

4 (4) A demographic and racial breakdown of in-
5 dividuals who have been impacted by kinetic impact
6 projectile-caused injuries domestically.

7 (5) A statistical review of the site and mor-
8 bidity of injuries caused by kinetic impact projec-
9 tiles.

10 (6) A review of treatments for kinetic impact
11 projectile-caused injuries and the efficacy of such
12 treatments.

13 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The arrangement under
14 subsection (a) shall provide for the National Academies
15 of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (or other appro-
16 priate entity), not later than 6 months after the comple-
17 tion of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a),
18 and annually thereafter—

19 (1) to submit to the relevant congressional com-
20 mittees of jurisdiction, including the Committees on
21 Appropriations, Energy and Commerce, and the Ju-
22 diciary of the House of Representatives and the
23 Committees on Appropriations; Health, Education,
24 Labor, and Pensions; and the Judiciary of the Sen-
25 ate, a report that contains—

1 (A) the results of the analysis conducted
2 under subsection (b); and

3 (B) any recommendations, regarding the
4 effects of the use of kinetic impact projectiles in
5 the United States, to—

6 (i) implement changes government-
7 wide;

8 (ii) establish guidelines and best prac-
9 tices for the use of kinetic impact projec-
10 tiles; and

11 (iii) improve the oversight of Federal
12 procurement and funding for kinetic im-
13 pact projectiles; and

14 (2) to make such report publicly available on
15 the internet.

16 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “kinetic
17 impact projectile” means—

18 (1) a rubber or plastic bullet, bean bag round,
19 sponge round, pellet round, or wooden dowel; and

20 (2) any other projectile-delivered impact muni-
21 tion determined to be subject to the study under this
22 section by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
23 ices in consultation with the National Academies of
24 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (or other ap-
25 propriate entity).

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
3 \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

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