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118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

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

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Improving Reporting
5 to Prevent Hate Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CREDIBLY REPORT HATE**
2 **CRIMES.**

3 Section 505 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
4 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10156) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(j) **EVALUATION FOR REPORTING ON HATE**
7 **CRIMES.**—Beginning not later than three years after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act and from the data ac-
9 quired by the Attorney General in accordance with the
10 Hate Crimes Statistics Act (34 U.S.C. 41305), the Attor-
11 ney General shall establish a method of evaluating and use
12 such method to evaluate whether a covered jurisdiction
13 has credibly reporting hate crimes, including whether, for
14 each year, a covered jurisdiction—

15 “(1) has not reported hate crime data to the
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

17 “(2) has reported zero hate crime incidents to
18 the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

19 “(k) **ELIGIBILITY.**—

20 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—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 eligible for an allocation under this sec-
24 tion.

25 “(2) **EXCEPTION.**—A covered jurisdiction that
26 is found not to have credibly reported hate crimes

1 following an evaluation pursuant to subsection (j)
2 shall not be subject to a penalty under paragraph
3 (1) if the Attorney General certifies that the covered
4 jurisdiction has conducted significant community
5 hate crime public education and awareness initia-
6 tives.

7 “(l) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each year the Attorney Gen-
8 eral shall publish on the internet website of the Depart-
9 ment of Justice a report on the covered jurisdictions cer-
10 tified under subsection (k)(2).

11 “(m) SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY HATE CRIME PUB-
12 LIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES.—The
13 term ‘significant community hate crime public education
14 and awareness initiatives’ means that a covered jurisdic-
15 tion—

16 “(1) has—

17 “(A) made substantial progress towards
18 comprehensive reporting hate crimes;

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

21 “(C) developed a standardized system of
22 collecting, analyzing, and reporting hate crimes
23 to the National Incident-Based Reporting Sys-
24 tem of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

25 “(2) may—

1 “(A) establish a unit or liaison specialized
2 in identifying, investigating, and reporting hate
3 crimes and engaging in community relations
4 functions related to preventing hate crimes; or

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

10 “(n) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

15 “(2) HATE CRIME.—The term ‘hate crime’
16 means—

17 “(A) an act described in section 1(b)(1) of
18 the Hate Crime Statistics Act ((34 U.S.C.
19 41305(1)(b)(1)); and

20 “(B) an act in violation of sections 241,
21 245, 247, or 249 of title 18, United States
22 Code.”.