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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to carry out a grant program to provide assistance to police departments with fewer than 200 law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOTTHEIMER 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 “Invest to Protect Act
5 of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a grant
3 program—

4 (1) to provide training, body cameras, and ac-
5 cess to mental health resources to local law enforce-
6 ment officers; and

7 (2) to improve recruitment and retention of
8 local law enforcement officers.

9 (b) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 60 days after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
11 of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Depart-
12 ment of Justice shall make a grant to an eligible local gov-
13 ernment.

14 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts from a grant
15 made under this section may be used only for—

16 (1) de-escalation training for law enforcement
17 officers;

18 (2) training for law enforcement officers in han-
19 dling situations of domestic violence;

20 (3) law enforcement officer safety training;

21 (4) the offsetting of overtime costs associated
22 with scheduling issues when a law enforcement offi-
23 cer is participating in such training.

24 (5) the purchasing, storage, operation, and se-
25 curing of body cameras, in accordance with guide-
26 lines established by the eligible local government or

1 by the Attorney General under subsection (d) of this
2 section, until the eligible local government estab-
3 lishes such guidelines;

4 (6) a signing bonus for a law enforcement offi-
5 cer in an amount determined by the eligible local
6 government;

7 (7) a retention bonus for a law enforcement of-
8 ficer in an amount determined by the eligible local
9 government;

10 (8) a stipend to be used for graduate education
11 in the area of mental health, public health, or social
12 work in an amount not greater than the lesser of—

13 (A) \$10,000; or

14 (B) the amount the law enforcement offi-
15 cer has paid towards such education; or

16 (9) providing access for law enforcement offi-
17 cers to evidence-based mental health services, treat-
18 ments, and therapies.

19 (d) BODY CAMERA GUIDELINES.—Not later than 60
20 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney
21 General shall establish guidelines to be used by an eligible
22 local government until such eligible local government es-
23 tablishes guidelines regarding purchasing, storage, oper-
24 ation, and securing of body cameras based on existing in-
25 dustry best-practices.

1 (e) DISCLOSURE OF OFFICER RECRUITMENT AND
2 RETENTION BONUSES.—An eligible local government
3 shall disclose to the Attorney General and make publicly
4 available on a website of the eligible local government the
5 amount of any officer recruitment and retention bonus
6 given under subsection (b)(3) of this section.

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each of fis-
9 cal years 2022 through 2026.

10 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11 (1) DE-ESCALATION TRAINING.—The term “de-
12 escalation training” means a process or tactic used
13 to prevent, reduce, or manage behaviors associated
14 with conflict (including verbal or physical agitation,
15 aggression, violence, or similar behaviors) during an
16 interaction between two or more individuals.

17 (2) ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
18 “eligible local government” means—

19 (A) a county, municipality, town, township,
20 village, parish, borough, or other unit of general
21 government below the State level that employs
22 fewer than 200 law enforcement officers; or

23 (B) a tribal government that employs
24 fewer than 200 law enforcement officers.

1 (3) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.—The term
2 “law enforcement officer” has the meaning given
3 that term in section 2503 of the Omnibus Crime
4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
5 10533).