

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1550

AN ACT

To direct the Attorney General to give priority in the allocation of Federal law enforcement personnel and resources to States and local jurisdictions that have a high incidence of homicide or other violent crime.

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 “Federal Law Enforce-
3 ment Personnel and Resources Allocation Improvement
4 Act of 2012”.

5 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL LAW EN-**
6 **FORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENT.—In the allocation of Federal law
8 enforcement personnel and resources, the Attorney Gen-
9 eral shall give priority to placing and retaining those per-
10 sonnel and resources in States and local jurisdictions that
11 have a high incidence of homicide or other violent crime,
12 based on records of crime acquired under section 534 of
13 title 28, United States Code, including reports of crime
14 under the system known as the National Uniform Crime
15 Reports, or on the best and most current information oth-
16 erwise available to the Attorney General.

17 (b) DESIGNATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL OFFI-
18 CIAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Attorney General shall designate an exist-
20 ing official within the Department of Justice—

21 (1) to develop practices and procedures to carry
22 out the requirement established in subsection (a);
23 and

24 (2) to monitor compliance with those practices
25 and procedures by the bureaus, agencies, and other
26 subdivisions of the Department.

1 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General
4 shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations and the
5 Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House
6 of Representatives a report on the implementation of the
7 requirement established in section 2. The report shall, for
8 the year it covers—

9 (1) specify which States and local jurisdictions
10 have a high incidence of homicide or other violent
11 crime;

12 (2) identify the specific steps taken by the At-
13 torney General to implement the requirement with
14 respect to each of those States and local jurisdic-
15 tions; and

16 (3) provide a description of the methodology
17 (including any changes made in that methodology)
18 that the Attorney General has used to determine the
19 total number of authorized Federal law enforcement
20 positions, to allocate those authorized positions
21 among States and local jurisdictions, and to assign
22 personnel to fill those authorized positions.

23 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

25 (1) FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PER-
26 SONNEL.—The term “Federal law enforcement per-

1 sonnel” means law enforcement personnel employed
2 by the Department of Justice, including law enforce-
3 ment personnel in any of the following agencies of
4 the Department:

5 (A) The Drug Enforcement Administra-
6 tion.

7 (B) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

8 (C) The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-
9 arms and Explosives.

10 (D) The United States Marshals Service.

11 (2) LOCAL JURISDICTION.—The term “local ju-
12 risdiction” has the meaning given the term “unit of
13 local government” in section 901(3) of the Omnibus
14 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
15 U.S.C. 3791(3)).

16 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means any
17 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
18 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
19 American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana
20 Islands.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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