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H. R. 4882

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to provide training to improve police responses for people with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities, to increase the authorization of appropriations for mental health awareness training grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2019

Mr. McCAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Community Safety Act
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACADEMIC-BASED TRAINING INITIATIVE TO IM-**
2 **PROVE POLICE RESPONSES FOR PEOPLE**
3 **WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND INTELLECTUAL**
4 **AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

5 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Attorney General is au-
6 thorized to make grants, in the form of cooperative agree-
7 ments, to eligible entities to provide training and technical
8 assistance to law enforcement and other criminal justice
9 agencies and their behavioral health service partners to
10 improve responses and reduce crime and recidivism associ-
11 ated with people who have mental illnesses and intellectual
12 and developmental disabilities.

13 (b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.**—For purposes of
14 this section, the term “eligible entity” means a public or
15 private academic organization, a nonprofit academic orga-
16 nization (including a tribal nonprofit organization), and
17 a public university or colleges (including a tribal institu-
18 tion of higher education).

19 (c) **APPLICATION.**—An eligible entity seeking a grant
20 under this section shall submit to the Attorney General
21 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
22 taining such information as the Attorney General may rea-
23 sonably require, including information demonstrating ex-
24 perience working in a law enforcement training environ-
25 ment and with local governments, law enforcement agen-
26 cies, State and county mental and behavioral health sys-

1 tems, organizations serving people with mental illness and
2 intellectual and developmental disabilities, and criminal
3 justice systems.

4 (d) COLLABORATION.—An eligible entity receiving a
5 grant under this section shall collaborate with other recipi-
6 ents in order to better service the training needs of local
7 communities.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 to carry out this
10 section for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025.

11 **SEC. 3. INCREASING AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE APPRO-**
12 **RIATED FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**
13 **TRAINING GRANTS.**

14 Section 520J of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 290bb–41) is amended by—

16 (1) striking paragraph (7) of subsection (b);

17 and

18 (2) adding at the end the following:

19 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025.”.

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