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To require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico (for herself and Ms. SLOTKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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 “Federal Law Enforce-
5 ment Training Research and Reporting Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FLETC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

7 The Director of the Federal Law Enforcement Train-
8 ing Centers (FLETC), in coordination with the Under

1 Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department
2 of Homeland Security, shall conduct research and develop-
3 ment of a technology to enhance participation rates in
4 training offered to State, local, and Tribal communities,
5 with particular attention to rural or remote communities,
6 for the purpose of enhancing domestic preparedness for
7 and collective response to terrorism and other homeland
8 security threats.

9 **SEC. 3. REPORTING ON BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS OF**
10 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

11 (a) ANNUAL REPORTING.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually
14 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security, act-
15 ing through the Under Secretary for Management of
16 the Department of Homeland Security, shall report
17 to the relevant congressional committees on the ac-
18 creditation status for each basic training program
19 within the Department, including information relat-
20 ing to the following:

21 (A) The date on which the program
22 achieved initial accreditation, or in the case of
23 a program that is not currently accredited, the
24 reasons for not obtaining or maintaining ac-
25 creditation, the activities, if any, taken to

1 achieve accreditation, and an anticipated time-
2 line for accreditation of the program.

3 (B) The date the program most recently
4 received accreditation or reaccreditation, if ap-
5 plicable.

6 (C) The program's anticipated accredita-
7 tion or next reaccreditation date.

8 (D) The name of the accreditation man-
9 ager for the program.

10 (2) TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
11 MENT.—Annual reports under paragraph (1) shall
12 terminate when all basic training programs of the
13 Department of Homeland Security are accredited.

14 (b) LAPSE IN ACCREDITATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a basic training program
16 of the Department of Homeland Security loses ac-
17 creditation, the head of the relevant component of
18 the Department shall notify the Under Secretary for
19 Management of the Department not later than 30
20 days after such loss.

21 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60
22 days after receiving a notification pursuant to sub-
23 section (a), the Under Secretary for Management of
24 the Department of Homeland Security shall notify
25 the relevant congressional committees of the lapse in

1 accreditation, the reason for the lapse, and the ac-
2 tivities underway and planned to regain accredita-
3 tion.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

5 (1) ACCREDITATION.—The term “accredita-
6 tion” means the recognition by a board that a basic
7 training program is administered, developed, and de-
8 livered according to an applicable set of standards.

9 (2) ACCREDITATION MANAGER.—The term “ac-
10 creditation manager” means the individual assigned
11 by the component of the Department of Homeland
12 Security to manage accreditation activities for a
13 basic training program.

14 (3) BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term
15 “basic training program” means an entry level pro-
16 gram that is transitional to law enforcement service,
17 provides training on critical competencies and re-
18 sponsibilities, and is typically a requirement for ap-
19 pointment to a law enforcement service job or job se-
20 ries.

21 (4) REACCREDITATION.—The term “reaccredi-
22 tation” means the assessment of a basic training
23 program after initial accreditation to ensure the con-
24 tinued compliance with an applicable set of stand-
25 ards.

1 (5) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-
3 tees” means the Committee on Homeland Security
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
5 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
6 the Senate.

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