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To require the display of certain identification for certain law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. OMAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Badge Transparency
5 Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**
7 **CERS TO DISPLAY CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION.**

8 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-
9 MENT OFFICERS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this section the head
3 of each Federal law enforcement agency shall imple-
4 ment a policy requiring that a Federal law enforce-
5 ment officer (in uniform or plain clothes), employed
6 by a Federal law enforcement agency, make visible
7 the following identification while on-duty or serving
8 the public as a Federal law enforcement officer:

9 (A) The first and last name of such Fed-
10 eral law enforcement officer.

11 (B) The name of the Federal law enforce-
12 ment agency the Federal law enforcement offi-
13 cer is employed.

14 (C) A badge number or other identification
15 number from the Federal law enforcement
16 agency employing such Federal law enforcement
17 officer pursuant to subparagraph (B).

18 (2) ENFORCEMENT.—Not later than 90 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this section the
20 head of each Federal law enforcement agency shall
21 implement a policy with respect to the enforcement
22 of the policy under subsection (a).

23 (3) DATA COLLECTION ON COMPLIANCE.—Be-
24 ginning not later than 90 days after the date of the
25 enactment of this section, the head of each Federal

1 law enforcement agency shall collect and submit to
2 the Attorney General, on an annual basis, a report
3 on the—

4 (A) number of instances in which a Fed-
5 eral law enforcement officer did not comply
6 with the requirement under subsection (a); and

7 (B) Federal law enforcement agency that
8 has employed such officer.

9 (b) POLICY REQUIREMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Beginning in the first fiscal year
11 that begins after the date of the enactment of this section,
12 to be eligible to receive funds under subpart 1 of part E
13 of title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
14 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151 et seq.) and part Q of title
15 I of such Act (34 U.S.C. 10381 et seq.), a State or unit
16 of local government shall have in place a law or policy sub-
17 stantially similar to the policy under subsection (a) and
18 shall be in substantial compliance with such law or policy.

19 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT.—The Inspec-
20 tor General of the Department of Justice shall conduct
21 audits to ensure compliance with the policy and data col-
22 lection requirements pursuant to subsection (a), and shall,
23 on an annual basis, report the findings of such audits to
24 the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 (a) **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**—The
3 term “Federal law enforcement officer”—

4 (1) means a Federal employee—

5 (A) who has statutory authority to make
6 arrests or apprehensions;

7 (B) who is authorized by the Federal law
8 enforcement agency of the employee to carry
9 firearms; and

10 (C) whose duties are primarily—

11 (i) engagement in or supervision of
12 the prevention, detection, investigation, or
13 prosecution of, or the incarceration of any
14 person for, any violation of law; or

15 (ii) the protection of Federal, State,
16 local, or foreign government officials
17 against threats to personal safety; and

18 (2) includes a law enforcement officer employed
19 by the Amtrak Police Department or Federal Re-
20 serve.

21 (b) **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**—The
22 term “Federal law enforcement agency” means any agen-
23 cy of the United States authorized to engage in or super-
24 vise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution
25 of any violation of Federal criminal law.

1 (c) STATE.—The term “State” has the meaning
2 given such term in section 901 of the Omnibus Crime Con-
3 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

4 (d) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “unit
5 of local government” has the meaning given such term in
6 section 901 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
7 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

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