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# H. R. 7897

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide a grant for research and training in the operation or establishment of an implicit bias training program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2020

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Bias In Automobile  
5 Stops Act of 2020” or “BIAS Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPLICIT BIAS RESEARCH AND TRAINING GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation  
3 shall make grants to institutions of higher education (as  
4 such term is defined in section 101 of the Higher Edu-  
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) for research and  
6 training in the operation or establishment of an implicit  
7 bias training program as it relates to racial profiling at  
8 traffic stops.

9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant  
10 under this section, an institution of higher education  
11 shall—

12 (1) have an active research program or dem-  
13 onstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that  
14 the applicant is beginning a research program to  
15 study implicit bias as it relates to racial profiling be-  
16 fore and during traffic stops; and

17 (2) partner with State and local police depart-  
18 ments to conduct the research described in para-  
19 graph (1) and carry out the implementation of im-  
20 plicit bias training with State and local police de-  
21 partments.

22 (c) REPORT.—No later than 1 year after a grant has  
23 been awarded under this section, the institution of higher  
24 education awarded the grant shall submit to the Com-  
25 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
26 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,

1 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report sum-  
2 marizing the research on implicit bias as it relates to racial  
3 profiling before and during traffic stops, and recommenda-  
4 tions on effective interventions and trainings.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each  
7 fiscal year to carry out this section.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “implicit  
9 bias training program” means a program that looks at the  
10 attitudes, stereotypes, and lenses human beings develop  
11 through various experiences in life that can unconsciously  
12 affect how they interact with one another.

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