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# H. R. 5866

To require the Attorney General to issue rules pertaining to the collection and compilation of data on the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2014

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. GRAYSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “National Statistics on  
5 Deadly Force Transparency Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.**

7 (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after  
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,  
9 in consultation with stakeholders, including Federal,

1 State, and local law enforcement agencies and community,  
2 professional, research, and civil rights organizations, shall  
3 issue regulations for the collection and compilation of data  
4 pertaining to the use of deadly force by Federal, State,  
5 or local law enforcement officers.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations issued under  
7 subsection (a) shall—

8 (1) require the collection of data on all in-  
9 stances wherein deadly force was used by a Federal,  
10 State, or local law enforcement officer;

11 (2) require that the data collected shall—

12 (A) include identifying characteristics of  
13 the person who was the target of the use of  
14 deadly force and the officer who used deadly  
15 force, including—

16 (i) race or ethnicity;

17 (ii) gender;

18 (iii) approximate age; and

19 (iv) the actual or perceived religious  
20 affiliation;

21 (B) include the date, time, and location of  
22 such use of deadly force;

23 (C) include the alleged criminal activity of  
24 the person who was the target of the use of  
25 deadly force;

1 (D) include the nature of the deadly force  
2 used, including the use of a firearm;

3 (E) include an explanation, if any, from  
4 the relevant law enforcement agency on why  
5 deadly force was used;

6 (F) include a copy of any use of deadly  
7 force guidelines in effect at the relevant law en-  
8 forcement agency at the time deadly force was  
9 used;

10 (G) include a description of any non-lethal  
11 efforts employed to apprehend or subdue the  
12 person who was the target of the use of deadly  
13 force before deadly force was used; and

14 (H) not include personally identifiable in-  
15 formation described in section 4;

16 (3) provide that a standardized form shall be  
17 made available to law enforcement agencies for the  
18 submission of data collected pursuant to this Act to  
19 the Department of Justice;

20 (4) require that law enforcement agencies com-  
21 pile data using the standardized form made available  
22 under paragraph (3), and submit the form to the  
23 Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics  
24 and any other component of the Department of Jus-

1        tice that the Attorney General determines appro-  
2        priate; and

3            (5) require that law enforcement agencies shall  
4        maintain all data collected under this Act for not  
5        less than 4 years.

6        **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS.**

7        The Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statis-  
8        tics shall provide to Congress and make available to the  
9        public the data collected pursuant to this Act, excluding  
10       any personally identifiable information described in section  
11       4.

12       **SEC. 4. LIMITATIONS ON PUBLICATION OF DATA.**

13       The name or identifying information of a law enforce-  
14       ment officer, person who was the target of the use of dead-  
15       ly force, or any other individual involved in any activity  
16       for which data is collected and compiled under this Act  
17       shall not be—

18            (1) released to the public;

19            (2) disclosed to any person, except for—

20                    (A) such disclosures as are necessary to  
21        comply with this Act;

22                    (B) disclosures of information regarding a  
23        particular person to that person; or

24                    (C) disclosures pursuant to litigation; or

1           (3) subject to disclosure under section 552 of  
2 title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the  
3 Freedom of Information Act), except for disclosures  
4 of information regarding a particular person to that  
5 person.

6 **SEC. 5. BYRNE JAG GRANT REDUCED FOR FAILURE TO RE-**  
7 **PORT.**

8           In the case of a State or unit of local government  
9 that received a grant award under subpart 1 of part E  
10 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets  
11 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.), if that State or  
12 unit of local government fails substantially to comply with  
13 the requirement under section 2 for a fiscal year, the At-  
14 torney General shall reduce the amount that would other-  
15 wise be awarded to that State or unit of local government  
16 under such grant program in the following fiscal year by  
17 10 percent.

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