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H. R. 7150

To require the use of body cameras for law enforcement officers as a condition of eligibility for COPS ON THE BEAT grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STANTON 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 “COPS Accountability
5 Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. BODY CAMERA REQUIREMENT FOR COPS ON THE**
7 **BEAT GRANTS.**

8 In order to be eligible for a grant under part Q of
9 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act

1 of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381 et seq.), a State, unit of local
2 government, and Indian tribal government shall—

3 (1) in the first fiscal year that begins after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, have in place a plan
5 to implement the requirement under paragraph (2);
6 and

7 (2) in the second fiscal year that begins after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, require uniformed
9 law enforcement officers with the authority to con-
10 duct searches and make arrests to wear a body cam-
11 era while on duty, for not less than 25 percent of
12 such law enforcement officers of the jurisdiction; and

13 (3) beginning in the third fiscal year that be-
14 gins after the date of enactment of this Act, require
15 uniformed law enforcement officers with the author-
16 ity to conduct searches and make arrests to wear a
17 body camera while on duty, for not less than 50 per-
18 cent of such law enforcement officers of the jurisdic-
19 tion.

20 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

21 On an annual basis, the Attorney General shall sub-
22 mit to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of
23 Representatives and of the Senate a report on the compli-
24 ance of jurisdictions with the conditions on eligibility for

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1 grants described in section 2 during the previous fiscal
2 year.

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