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To require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide information on suicide rates in law enforcement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Quigley (for himself, Ms. Dean, and Mr. Steube) 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 "Law Enforcement Sui-
- 5 cide Data Collection Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON SUICIDE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.
- 7 (a) Establishment.—Not later than 1 year after
- 8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,
- 9 acting through the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
- 10 vestigation, shall establish, for the purpose of preventing

- 1 future law enforcement suicides and promoting under-
- 2 standing of suicide in law enforcement, the Law Enforce-
- 3 ment Officers Suicide Data Collection Program, under
- 4 which law enforcement agencies may submit to the Direc-
- 5 tor information on suicides and attempted suicides within
- 6 such law enforcement agencies, including information
- 7 on—
- 8 (1) the circumstances and events that occurred
- 9 before each suicide or attempted suicide;
- 10 (2) the location of each suicide or attempted
- 11 suicide;
- 12 (3) the demographic information of each law
- enforcement officer who commits or attempts sui-
- 14 cide; and
- 15 (4) the method used in each suicide or at-
- tempted suicide.
- 17 (b) Report.—Not later than 2 years after the date
- 18 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the At-
- 19 torney General, acting through the Director of the Federal
- 20 Bureau of Investigation, shall submit to Congress and
- 21 publish on the website of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
- 22 tion a report containing the information submitted to the
- 23 Director pursuant to subsection (a).
- (c) Confidentiality.—Neither the information
- 25 submitted under subsection (a) nor the report described

- 1 under subsection (b) may include any personally identifi-
- 2 able information of a law enforcement officer who commits
- 3 or attempts suicide, including the name or residential ad-
- 4 dress of the officer.

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- 5 (d) Definitions.—In this section—
- 6 (1) the term "law enforcement agency" means 7 a Federal, State, or local agency engaged in the pre-8 vention, detection, or investigation, prosecution, or 9 adjudication of any violation of the criminal laws of 10 the United States, a State, or a political subdivision 11 of a State;
 - (2) the term "law enforcement officer" means any current or former officer (including a correctional officer), agent, or employee of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of the criminal laws of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State; and
 - (3) the term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.