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To establish Federal, State, and local programs for the investigation,
reporting, and prevention of bias crimes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish Federal, State, and local programs for the
investigation, reporting, and prevention of bias crimes.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) 5,932 hate crimes were reported to the Fed-
6 eral Bureau of Investigation in 1994;

7 (2) bias crimes are far more lethal than other
8 kinds of attacks, with hospitalization of victims oc-
9 curring four times more often than for other as-
10 saults;

1 (3) 1,843 anti-Semitic incidents were reported
2 to the Anti-Defamation League in 1995, including
3 118 incidents on college campuses;

4 (4) membership in Neo-Nazi groups has in-
5 creased from 1,500 in 12 States in 1988 to 3,500
6 in 40 States in 1994;

7 (5) only 7,356 of the more than 16,000 law en-
8 forcement agencies furnished hate crime data to the
9 Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1994; and

10 (6) Federal, State, and local law enforcement
11 officials have indicated that training in the area of
12 bias crimes is inconsistent and officials repeatedly
13 cite the need for uniform training of officers in the
14 investigation and prevention of bias crime.

15 **SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.**

16 The Attorney General shall appoint in the Depart-
17 ment of Justice a National Director of Bias Crime (herein-
18 after referred to in this Act as the “Director”).

19 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.**

20 The Director shall, in cooperation with the appro-
21 priate Federal, State, and local agencies, including the De-
22 partment of the Treasury, the Federal Bureau of Inves-
23 tigation, and the Community Relations Service of the De-
24 partment of Justice—

1 (1) examine the needs of Federal, State, and
2 local law enforcement agencies in training officers
3 for the investigation and reporting of bias crimes;

4 (2) recommend to the Attorney General policy
5 options for the enhancement of bias crime interdiction and prevention;

6 (3) determine a national curriculum for a train-
7 the-trainer program to be administered by the Fed-
8 eral Law Enforcement Training Center;

9 (4) determine a national curriculum for officer
10 training in investigation and reporting of bias crimes
11 to be delivered through the Federal Law Enforce-
12 ment Training Center;

13 (5) coordinate the bias crime efforts of the De-
14 partment of the Treasury, Department of Edu-
15 cation, Department of Justice, Federal Law En-
16 forcement Training Center, the Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation, and the Community Relations Service
18 of the Department of Justice;

19 (6) develop a national curriculum to be taught
20 as a preventative measure at elementary and second-
21 ary schools throughout the country;

22 (7) make available to law enforcement agencies
23 materials, prepared by Federal, State, local, and vic-
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1 tims' rights organizations, pertinent to bias crime
2 investigation and prevention;

3 (8) coordinate technical assistance provided to
4 State and local law enforcement agencies related to
5 the prevention, investigation and prosecution of bias
6 crime;

7 (9) coordinate assistance to victims of bias
8 crime; and

9 (10) award grants to States that have estab-
10 lished lead agencies to coordinate efforts to combat
11 bias crime and developed innovative programs con-
12 sistent with the purposes of this Act.

13 **SEC. 4. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

14 The training programs established by the Director,
15 acting through the Federal Law Enforcement Training
16 Center and in cooperation with the Secretary of the Treas-
17 ury shall include, at a minimum, the following:

18 (1) Recognition of basic elements of bias crimes
19 and proper initial response procedures.

20 (2) Instruction on how to comply with all Fed-
21 eral reporting requirements under the National Hate
22 Crimes Statistics Act.

23 (3) Notification of law enforcement officials re-
24 garding the history and growth of organized bias
25 groups in the United States.

1 (4) Methods to develop preventative education
2 curriculum for local schools and community youth
3 groups.

4 (5) Methods to cope with the trauma experi-
5 enced by victims of bias crime.

6 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act, the term “train-the-trainer
8 program” means a program that teaches selected members
9 of the law enforcement community how to train members
10 of a local law enforcement agency how to investigate and
11 report bias crimes.

12 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000
14 for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 1999 to carry
15 out the projects under this Act.

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