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H. R. ____

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to State and local law enforcement agencies for research, training, and acquiring non-lethal force methods.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. RICHMOND) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To authorize the Attorney General to establish the Office of Non-Lethal Technologies and Techniques within the Department of Justice and to make grants to State and local law enforcement agencies for research, training, and acquiring non-lethal force methods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. THE OFFICE OF NON-LETHAL TECHNOLOGIES AND TECHNIQUES

- (a) **AUTHORITY.** — The Attorney General shall establish the Office of Non-Lethal Technologies and Techniques (“Office”) within the Department of Justice not later than 90 days after enactment.
- (b) **DUTIES.** — The Office shall coordinate, develop, and refine non-lethal technologies and techniques in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and other related agencies.
- (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.** — Appropriations are authorized to be made available to Office for each of fiscal years 2017

through 2021 from amounts otherwise made available to the Department of Justice for such fiscal years, to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. GRANTS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF NON-LETHAL FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Office may make grants to State and local law enforcement agencies to—

(1) research, identify, develop, and refine the use of non-lethal force technologies, strategies, and techniques for use by law enforcement officers in carrying out their duties;

(2) provide specialized training to law enforcement officers on the de-escalation of conflicts and the use of non-lethal force technologies, strategies, and techniques; and

(3) purchase non-lethal force technologies.

(b) **APPLICATION.**—The chief executive officer of a law enforcement agency seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Office an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such additional information as the Office may reasonably require.

(c) **MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**—The portion of the costs of a program, project, or activity provided by a grant under subsection (a) may not exceed 75 percent, unless the Office waives, wholly or in part, the requirement under this subsection of a non-Federal contribution to the costs of a program, project, or activity.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

(1) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2017 for the authority granted in (a)(1);

(2) \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2020; and

(3) \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 3. IDENTIFICATION OF SAVINGS.

The Administrator of the General Services Administration shall identify savings and direct the savings to offset the cost of the grant program under Section 1.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to provide authority to the Department of Justice to impose requirements or restrictions on law enforcement agencies otherwise within the discretion of such agency.