

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7120, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA**

Add, at the end of the bill, the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **TITLE VI—ATTACKS ON FREE**
2 **PRESS TRANSPARENCY**

3 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Attacks on Free Press
5 Transparency Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 602. LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**— Each State and local law enforce-
8 ment agency receiving funds under a Byrne grant program
9 shall submit a report to the Attorney General on an an-
10 nual basis on any arrest of, attack on, or formal complaint
11 received involving credentialed members of the press.

12 (b) **REQUIRED DATA.**—The required reporting data
13 in subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-
14 lowing:

15 (1) Date, time, and location of the incident.

16 (2) Name of each officer involved.

17 (3) Name of each member of the press involved
18 and their press affiliation.

19 (4) Detailed description of the incident.

1 (5) Legal justification or basis used for the de-
2 tention or arrest of a member of the press.

3 (6) The instances and status of any legal or
4 formal action taken against the law enforcement
5 agency as a direct result of the reported incident.

6 (c) **RECORD RETENTION.**—Each law enforcement
7 agency required to report data under this section shall
8 maintain records relating to any matter so reportable for
9 not less than 5 years after those records are created.

10 **SEC. 603. FEDERAL REPORTING PROCESS.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General shall create
12 within 1 year of enactment of this title a new reporting
13 process by which credentialed members of the press may
14 voluntarily submit information to the Attorney General de-
15 tailing any attacks, arrests, or complaints of unlawful ac-
16 tions by law enforcement against members of the press.

17 (b) **FILING OF COMPLAINTS.**—Complaints may be
18 filed either by a credentialed member of the press directly
19 involved in a complaint or another member affiliated with
20 the same organization on behalf of the individual.

21 (c) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—The Attorney General
22 shall make the aggregate data from these complaints
23 available to the public on an annual basis, beginning one
24 year after the date of enactment of this title, and then

1 following on the 1st day of the second month of every new
2 calendar year thereafter.

3 **SEC. 604. ANNUAL REPORT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General of the De-
5 partment of Justice shall submit an annual report to the
6 congressional committees of jurisdiction in both the House
7 and Senate to include an aggregate of the data collected
8 under sections 602 and 603 of this title.

9 (b) REPORT.—This report shall be first submitted
10 one year after the date of enactment of this title, and then
11 following on the 1st day of the second month of every new
12 calendar year thereafter.

