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# H. R. 7272

To require reports on the progress and implementation of the Bipartisan  
Safer Communities Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWN (for herself, Ms. BALINT, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SOTO, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. AMO, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To require reports on the progress and implementation of  
the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

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 “Shining a Spotlight  
5 on Safer Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is  
2           saving lives by keeping guns out of dangerous hands  
3           including through new provisions related to firearms  
4           trafficking and straw purchasing, improving school  
5           safety, improving access to mental health care, and  
6           expanding community violence interventions.

7           (2) People in the United States are 25 times  
8           more likely to be victims of gun violence compared  
9           to people in other developed countries.

10          (3) In 2022, more than 6,000 children were  
11          killed by gun violence in the United States—by far  
12          the most of any year on record.

13          (4) Over the past decade, the gun death rate  
14          has increased 17 percent.

15          (5) Guns are the leading cause of death for  
16          children and teens in the United States.

17 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON THE BIPAR-**  
18 **TISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT.**

19          Within 60 days after the date of the enactment of  
20 this Act, and in each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027,  
21 the Attorney General shall prepare and submit to the Con-  
22 gress and make available to the public a report that, with  
23 respect to the then most recently completed fiscal year—

24               (1) contains a comprehensive review of the  
25               progress, implementation, and enforcement of sec-

1 tions 932 and 933 of title 18, United States Code,  
2 as added by section 12004 of the Bipartisan Safer  
3 Communities Act;

4 (2) specifies—

5 (A) the total number of investigations  
6 opened by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
7 Firearms, and Explosives as a result of the en-  
8 actment of such sections, and the field division  
9 of the Bureau in which the investigations took  
10 place;

11 (B) the total number of investigations  
12 opened by other Federal agencies as a result of  
13 the enactment of such sections;

14 (C) any other Federal, State, or local law  
15 enforcement agencies involved in the investiga-  
16 tions;

17 (D) the total number of investigations that  
18 resulted in a formal referral for prosecution, in-  
19 cluding any other criminal statutes implicated,  
20 disaggregated by criminal offense;

21 (E) if there was no such referral, the rea-  
22 son why not; and

23 (F) the final outcomes of the investiga-  
24 tions;

1           (3) specifies the total number of prosecutions  
2 under each such section, disaggregated by—

3           (A) the judicial district involved;

4           (B) the number of defendants in each case  
5 and the demographics of the defendants;

6           (C) any other charges that were brought in  
7 each case; and

8           (D) the outcomes of the prosecutions, in-  
9 cluding any forfeitures or fines imposed under  
10 section 934 of such title; and

11          (4) specifies the number and types of firearms,  
12 ammunition, firearm accessories, and other proceeds,  
13 to the extent the information is available, that were  
14 recovered, seized, or forfeited as a result of the in-  
15 vestigations and prosecutions referred to in para-  
16 graphs (2) and (3).

17 **SEC. 4. LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
18 **TIONS.**

19          To carry out this Act, there are authorized to be ap-  
20 propriated to the Attorney General of the United States  
21 not more than \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
22 through 2028.

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