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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To prohibit a jurisdiction that defunds the police from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 “Defund Cities that  
5       Defund the Police Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFUNDING JURISDICTION DEFINED.**

7       In this Act:

1 (1) DEFUNDING STATE.—The term “defunding  
2 State” means a State that—

3 (A) abolishes or disbands a State law en-  
4 forcement agency with no intention of reconsti-  
5 tuting the State law enforcement agency; or

6 (B) significantly reduces a State law en-  
7 forcement agency’s budget, provided that the  
8 State did not face a significant decrease in rev-  
9 enues in the previous fiscal year.

10 (2) DEFUNDING LOCALITY.—The term  
11 “defunding locality” means a political subdivision of  
12 a State (other than a rural police department)  
13 that—

14 (A) is in an urbanized area, as defined by  
15 the United States Census Bureau; and

16 (B)(i) abolishes or disbands the police de-  
17 partment with no intention of reconstituting the  
18 jurisdiction’s police department; or

19 (ii) significantly reduces the police depart-  
20 ment’s budget, provided that the jurisdiction  
21 did not face a significant decrease in revenues  
22 in the previous fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFUNDING JURISDICTIONS INELIGIBLE FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN FEDERAL FUNDS.**

3 (a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
4 GRANTS.—

5 (1) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ECO-  
6 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—Section 201(b) of the Pub-  
7 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965  
8 (42 U.S.C. 3141(b)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
10 the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
12 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) the area in which the project is to be car-  
15 ried out is not a defunding State or defunding local-  
16 ity (as defined in section 2 of the Defund Cities that  
17 Defund the Police Act of 2025).”.

18 (2) GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND ADMINISTRA-  
19 TIVE EXPENSES.—Section 203(a) of the Public  
20 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
21 U.S.C. 3143(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
22 the following: “A defunding jurisdiction (as defined  
23 in section 2 of the Defund Cities that Defund the  
24 Police Act of 2025) may not be deemed an eligible  
25 recipient under this subsection.”.

1           (3) SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—Section 205(a)  
2           of the Public Works and Economic Development Act  
3           of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3145(a)) is amended—

4                   (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
5           the end;

6                   (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
7           riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(4) will be carried out in an area that does not  
10          contain a defunding State or defunding locality (as  
11          defined in section 2 of the Defund Cities that  
12          Defund the Police Act of 2025).”.

13          (4) GRANTS FOR TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND  
14          TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 207 of the Public  
15          Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
16          U.S.C. 3147) is amended by adding at the end the  
17          following:

18          “(d) INELIGIBILITY OF DEFUNDING STATES OR  
19          DEFUNDING LOCALITIES.—Grant funds under this sec-  
20          tion may not be used to provide assistance to a defunding  
21          State or defunding locality (as defined in section 2 of the  
22          Defund Cities that Defund the Police Act of 2025). If a  
23          State is a defunding State during the period for which  
24          it receives amounts under this section, the Secretary shall  
25          direct the State to immediately return to the Secretary

1 any such amounts that the State received for that period,  
2 and shall reallocate amounts returned for grants under  
3 this section to localities within the same State that are  
4 not defunding localities.”.

5 (b) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.—

6 Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act  
7 of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 102(a) (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)), by  
9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(25) The term ‘defunding State or locality’  
11 has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the  
12 Defund Cities that Defund the Police Act of 2025.”;  
13 and

14 (2) in section 104 (42 U.S.C. 5304)—

15 (A) subsection (b)—

16 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking  
17 “and” at the end;

18 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
19 paragraph (7); and

20 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (5)  
21 the following:

22 “(6) the grantee is not a defunding State or lo-  
23 cality and will not become a defunding State or lo-  
24 cality during the period for which the grantee re-  
25 ceives a grant under this title; and”;

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(n) PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AGAINST  
3 CRIME.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds made available to  
5 carry out this title may be obligated or expended for  
6 any State or unit of general local government that  
7 is a defunding State or locality.

8 “(2) RETURNED AMOUNTS.—

9 “(A) STATE.—If a State is a defunding  
10 State during the period for which it receives  
11 amounts under this title, the Secretary—

12 “(i) shall direct the State to imme-  
13 diately return to the Secretary any such  
14 amounts that the State received for that  
15 period; and

16 “(ii) shall reallocate amounts returned  
17 under clause (i) for grants under this title  
18 to localities within the same State that are  
19 not defunding localities.

20 “(B) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-  
21 MENT.—If a unit of general local government is  
22 a defunding locality during the period for which  
23 it receives amounts under this title, any such  
24 amounts that the unit of general local govern-  
25 ment received for that period—

1           “(i) in the case of a unit of general  
2           local government that is not in a non-  
3           entitlement area, shall be returned to the  
4           Secretary for grants under this title to  
5           States and other units of general local gov-  
6           ernment that are not defunding localities;  
7           and

8           “(ii) in the case of a unit of general  
9           local government that is in a nonentitle-  
10          ment area, shall be returned to the Gov-  
11          ernor of the State for grants under this  
12          title to other units of general local govern-  
13          ment in the State that are not defunding  
14          localities.

15          “(C) REALLOCATION RULES.—In reallo-  
16          cating amounts under subparagraphs (A) and  
17          (B), the Secretary shall—

18               “(i) apply the relevant allocation for-  
19               mula under subsection (b) or (d) of section  
20               106, with all defunding States and local-  
21               ities excluded; and

22               “(ii) shall not be subject to the rules  
23               for reallocation under section 106(c).”.