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H. R. 2595

To require State and local law enforcement agencies receiving forfeited funds and property to report how such funds and property are used, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2023

Ms. HAGEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Forfeiture Funds Ex-
5 penditure Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL REPORTING.**

2 (a) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSETS FORFEITURE
3 FUND.—Section 524(c)(6) of title 28, United States Code,
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(E) Not later than January 1, 2024, and
6 every 6 months thereafter, each State and local
7 law enforcement agency with the authority to
8 prosecute a criminal case that receives property
9 or funds under this subsection, section 511(e)
10 of the Controlled Substances Act, or section
11 981(e) of title 18, shall transmit to Congress a
12 report detailing each receipt of property or
13 funds and the activity to which the property or
14 funds were directed for the previous fiscal year,
15 in the case of the first report, and for the pre-
16 vious 6-month period, in the case of each subse-
17 quent report.”.

18 (b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FORFEITURES.—Sec-
19 tion 511(e) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.
20 881) is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(5) Each State and local law enforcement
22 agency with the authority to prosecute a criminal
23 case that receives property or funds under this sub-
24 section shall include in the report transmitted to
25 Congress under section 524(c)(6)(E) of title 28,
26 United States Code, information detailing each re-

1 receipt of property or funds and the activity to which
2 the property or funds were directed.”.

3 (c) CIVIL FORFEITURES.—Section 981 of title 18,
4 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(1) Each State and local law enforcement agency
7 with the authority to prosecute a criminal case that re-
8 ceives property or funds under subsection (e) shall include
9 in the report transmitted to Congress under section
10 524(c)(6)(E) of title 28 information detailing each receipt
11 of property or funds and the activity to which the property
12 or funds were directed.”.

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