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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOREN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. CARTER, Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. BENISHEK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Citizens Right to Know
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) MONTHLY REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS.—

8 Not later than the last day of each month, a State or local

1 pretrial services agency that receives Federal financial as-
2 sistance shall submit to the Attorney General a report that
3 includes the following:

4 (1) The number of individuals reviewed for pre-
5 trial release by that agency during the reporting pe-
6 riod.

7 (2) The number of indigent individuals reviewed
8 for pretrial release by that agency during the report-
9 ing period.

10 (3) The number of individuals assigned to pre-
11 trial services by that agency during the reporting pe-
12 riod, and the name of each such individual.

13 (4) The number of indigent individuals accepted
14 into a pretrial release program by that agency dur-
15 ing the reporting period, and the name of each such
16 individual.

17 (5) A list of each charge filed against each indi-
18 vidual accepted into a pretrial release program by
19 that agency during the reporting period.

20 (6) A list of all prior criminal convictions of
21 each individual accepted into a pretrial release pro-
22 gram by that agency during the reporting period.

23 (7) A list of the court appearances required of
24 each individual accepted into a pretrial release pro-
25 gram by that agency during the reporting period.

1 (8) A list of each instance during the reporting
2 period on which an individual accepted into a pre-
3 trial release program by that agency failed to appear
4 at a scheduled court appearance.

5 (9) A list of all warrants issued or arrests made
6 during the reporting period of each individual ac-
7 cepted into a pretrial release program by that agen-
8 cy.

9 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON AGENCY BUDGET.—Not
10 later than the last day of the fiscal year in which this Act
11 is enacted, and annually thereafter, a State or local pre-
12 trial services agency that receives Federal financial assist-
13 ance shall submit to the Attorney General a report that
14 contains information on that agency’s budget for that
15 year.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) The term “State or local pretrial services
19 agency” means any government entity which pro-
20 vides pretrial services or any private non-profit enti-
21 ty contracted with to do the same.

22 (2) The term “Federal financial assistance” has
23 the meaning given such term in section 7501(a)(5)
24 of title 31, United States Code.

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