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H. R. 9167

To impose certain limitations on the use of grants made under the Shelter and Services Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2024

Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Sanctuary City Over-
5 sight and Responsibility in Enforcement Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Since taking office, there have been over
9 12,000,000 immigrants that have entered our coun-
10 try under President Biden’s Administration.

1 (2) Under the Biden Administration, more ille-
2 gal aliens have been allowed into the country than
3 the population of States.

4 (3) Under the Biden Administration, fentanyl is
5 the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to
6 45, as 1,400 pounds of deadly fentanyl were seized
7 at the border in just January of 2024.

8 (4) Under the Biden Administration, 367
9 known or suspected terrorists have crossed the bor-
10 der, including eight suspected terrorists with ties to
11 ISIS caught after illegally crossing the southern bor-
12 der using the CBPOne app.

13 (5) In August 2023 in Maryland, Rachel Morin,
14 a mother of five was raped and murdered on a run-
15 ning trail by an illegal alien with a criminal history
16 of murdering and assaulting women.

17 (6) In February 2024 in Georgia, Laken Riley,
18 a nursing student at Augusta University, was killed
19 by an illegal alien while she was jogging at the Uni-
20 versity of Georgia.

21 (7) In June 2024 in New York, two 13-year-
22 olds, a boy and a girl, were tied in up by a machete-
23 wielding illegal alien, who kidnapped the children in
24 a park and raped the young girl.

1 (8) In June 2024 in Texas, a 12-year-old girl
2 was raped and murdered by two illegal aliens who
3 crossed the southern border illegally and were then
4 released into the surrounding community.

5 (9) Across the country, self-declared “Sanctuary Cities” and “Sanctuary States” are using
6 Federal funds to transport migrants, asylees or illegal
7 aliens to municipalities, cities and States that
8 are not designated sanctuary cities or States.

10 **SEC. 3. IN GENERAL.**

11 In the case of any grant made by Federal Emergency
12 Management Agency as part of the Shelter and Services
13 Program, such grant may not be used for the transportation of any alien to a jurisdiction unless—

15 (1) the appropriate elected or appointed State,
16 local, territorial or tribal official has provided written approval; and

18 (2) the grantee reports each fiscal quarter to
19 the Federal Emergency Management Agency the
20 destination of each alien who has been transported,
21 which information shall be made available to State,
22 local, territorial, and tribal officials.

23 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY.**

24 Any jurisdiction that violates section 3 shall be ineligible for a grant under the Shelter and Services Program.

1 **SEC. 5. CONSIDERATIONS FOR LIMITING THE PROVISION**
2 **OF ASSISTANCE.**

3 If a grantee uses amounts received under the Shelter
4 and Services Program for transportation of a covered indi-
5 vidual, the grantee shall provide to the Federal Emergency
6 Management Agency documentation confirming that the
7 covered individual receiving assistance with transportation
8 has a place to continue receiving support in the destina-
9 tion jurisdiction, including through another provider orga-
10 nization, family, or a sponsor.

11 **SEC. 6. GAO REPORT.**

12 The Comptroller General of the United States, each
13 quarter of each fiscal year, shall submit to the Committee
14 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
16 mental Affairs of the Senate a report setting forth each
17 jurisdiction that has received a grant under the Shelter
18 and Services Program during the quarter preceding the
19 report, and the amount of that grant.

20 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) The term “Shelter and Services Program”
23 means grants made from the amounts transferred to
24 the Federal Emergency Management Agency to sup-
25 port sheltering and related activities provided by
26 non-Federal entities, including facility improvements

1 and construction, in support of relieving over-
2 crowding in short-term holding facilities of U.S.
3 Customs and Border Protection pursuant to the
4 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, or any other
5 Act.

6 (2) The term “covered individual” means any
7 individual that has been encountered by the Depart-
8 ment of Homeland Security resulting in an indi-
9 vidual receiving an Alien Identification Number.

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