

One Hundred Nineteenth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Saturday,
the third day of January, two thousand and twenty-six*

An Act

To authorize peace officer standards and training agencies to access criminal history records, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Criminal History Access Act of 2026”.

SEC. 2. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

(a) ATTORNEY GENERAL DUTIES.—Section 534 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4), by amending to read as follows:

“(4) exchange such records and information with, and for the official use of, authorized officials of the Federal Government, including the United States Sentencing Commission, the States, including State sentencing commissions and peace officer standards and training agencies, Indian tribes, cities, and penal and other institutions; and”;

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking “section, the term” and inserting the following: “section—

“(1) the term”;

(B) by striking “(1) railroad” and inserting the following:

“(A) railroad”;

(C) by striking “(2) police” and inserting the following:

“(B) police”;

(D) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) the term ‘peace officer standards and training agency’ means an agency of a State with the statutory authority under State law to set standards for the hiring, training, ethical conduct, and retention of the law enforcement officers of the State through certification, licensing, or other similar qualification process; and

“(3) the term ‘State’ means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any territory or possession of the United States.”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall amend part

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20 of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*