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To require immigration enforcement reforms, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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purposes.

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 “ICE Standards Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT REFORMS.**

6 (a) TRAINING STANDARDS.—

7 (1) STANDARDS.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to
10 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
11 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland

1 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate de-
2 scribing the standards, policies, and practices gov-
3 erning the training of immigration officers (as such
4 term is defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))).

6 (2) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Homeland
7 Security shall require each immigration officer to
8 complete training not less than once a year, includ-
9 ing web based, classroom, and tactical instruction,
10 on updated policies on use of force and applicable
11 legal developments, and training designed to—

12 (A) promote sound judgment and respon-
13 sible decision-making in the application of both
14 nonlethal and lethal force;

15 (B) emphasize and practice de-escalation
16 strategies to mitigate risk to officers and the
17 public;

18 (C) ensure that the immigration officer is
19 educated on rights protected under the First
20 Amendment, including those of members of the
21 press, demonstrators, and individuals engaged
22 in lawful assembly, and performs duties in ac-
23 cordance with such protections; and

24 (D) ensure searches and seizures are con-
25 ducted consistent with the Fourth Amendment.

1 (b) BODY WORN AND DASHBOARD CAMERAS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
3 Secretary shall require the use of—

4 (A) body-worn cameras by all immigration
5 officers; and

6 (B) dashboard cameras for all vehicles
7 being used in Federal immigration enforcement
8 operations.

9 (2) RIGHT TO REVIEW FOOTAGE.—An immigra-
10 tion officer has the right to review footage captured
11 by body-worn cameras and dashboard cameras.

12 (c) ID FOR ALL OFFICERS UNLESS UNDERCOVER.—

13 (1) IDENTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Home-
14 land Security shall require each immigration officer
15 to wear a uniform or identification clearly displaying
16 the immigration officer or the name of the agency
17 in which the officer is employed, unless—

18 (A) there is a public safety or national se-
19 curity threat;

20 (B) not wearing identification is necessary
21 to carry out the operation safely; or

22 (C) the personnel receives prior written ap-
23 proval from a supervisory officer.

24 (2) PROHIBITION.—An immigration officer may
25 not wear a uniform that bears any identifier as “po-

1 lice”, unless the uniform clearly displays the name
2 of the agency in which the officer is employed.

3 (d) SENSITIVE LOCATIONS.—Section 287 of the Im-
4 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(i)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an offi-
7 cer or an agent of U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
8 forcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection may
9 not perform an immigration enforcement action in a pro-
10 tected area.

11 “(2) This subsection shall not apply—

12 “(A) under exigent circumstances, including an
13 immigration enforcement action that involves a na-
14 tional security threat, the pursuit of an individual
15 who poses an imminent public safety threat, or the
16 pursuit of an individual entering or attempting to
17 enter the United States in the presence of the officer
18 or agent;

19 “(B) under circumstances that involves the im-
20 minent risk of death, violence, or physical harm to
21 a person or the imminent risk that evidence material
22 to a criminal case will be destroyed; or

23 “(C) where a safe alternative location does not
24 exist outside of the protected area.

1 “(3) The term ‘protected area’ means any school, any
2 hospital, medical facility, mental health facility, any place
3 of worship or religious study (including permanent or tem-
4 porary locations), and any polling place or voting site.”.

5 (e) MINIMIZE RISK.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
6 curity shall require each immigration officer to make all
7 reasonable efforts to de-escalate tensions prior to using
8 force.

9 (f) IMPOSE STRICT PROHIBITION ON THE ARREST
10 AND DEPORTATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.—

11 (1) VERIFICATION.—The Secretary of Home-
12 land Security shall require each immigration officer
13 to verify citizenship status of an individual prior to
14 arrest.

15 (2) LIMITATION ON DEPORTATION.—A national
16 of the United States may not be deported from the
17 United States.

18 (g) NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
20 Security shall notify local law enforcement agencies
21 of impending Federal immigration enforcement oper-
22 ations in their jurisdiction at least one day before
23 such operation occurs.

24 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Home-
25 land Security shall make every effort to coordinate

- 1 the operations Federal immigration officers with
- 2 State and local law enforcement.

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