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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8352

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Criminal History Ac-  
3 cess Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

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

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

9 “(4) exchange such records and information  
10 with, and for the official use of, authorized officials  
11 of the Federal Government, including the United  
12 States Sentencing Commission, the States, including  
13 State sentencing commissions and peace officer  
14 standards and training agencies, Indian tribes, cit-  
15 ies, and penal and other institutions; and”;

16 (2) in subsection (e)—

17 (A) by striking “section, the term” and in-  
18 serting the following: “section—

19 “(1) the term”;

20 (B) by striking “(1) railroad” and insert-  
21 ing the following:

22 “(A) railroad”;

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

25 “(B) police”;

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

3 (E) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(2) the term ‘peace officer standards and  
5 training agency’ means an agency of a State with  
6 the statutory authority under State law to set stand-  
7 ards for the hiring, training, ethical conduct, and re-  
8 tention of the law enforcement officers of the State  
9 through certification, licensing, or other similar  
10 qualification process; and

11 “(3) the term ‘State’ means each of the several  
12 States of the United States, the District of Colum-  
13 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United  
14 States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the  
15 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,  
16 and any territory or possession of the United  
17 States.”.

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

1 shall amend part 20 of title 28, Code of Federal Regula-  
2 tions, as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 12, 2026.

Attest:                   KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*