

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1595

AN ACT

To establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

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 “Improving Police Crit-
3 ical Aid for Responding to Emergencies Act” or the “Im-
4 proving Police CARE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA KIT STANDARDS.**

6 Section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
7 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10202) is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following:

9 “(d) TRAUMA KITS.—

10 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
11 ‘trauma kit’ means a first aid response kit, which in-
12 cludes a bleeding control kit that can be used for
13 controlling a life-threatening hemorrhage.

14 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR TRAUMA KITS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, a grantee may only pur-
17 chase a trauma kit using funds made available
18 under this part if the trauma kit meets the per-
19 formance standards established by the Director
20 of the Bureau of Justice Assistance under para-
21 graph (3)(A).

22 “(B) AUTHORITY TO SEPARATELY AC-
23 QUIRE.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall
24 prohibit a grantee from separately acquiring the
25 components of a trauma kit and assembling

1 complete trauma kits that meet the perform-
2 ance standards.

3 “(3) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OP-
4 TIONAL AGENCY BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than
5 180 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
6 section, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assist-
7 ance, in consultation with organizations representing
8 trauma surgeons, emergency medical response pro-
9 fessionals, emergency physicians, other medical pro-
10 fessionals, relevant law enforcement agencies of
11 States and units of local government, professional
12 law enforcement organizations, local law enforcement
13 labor or representative organizations, and law en-
14 forcement trade associations, shall—

15 “(A) develop and publish performance
16 standards for trauma kits that are eligible for
17 purchase using funds made available under this
18 part that, at a minimum, require the compo-
19 nents described in paragraph (4) to be included
20 in a trauma kit; and

21 “(B) develop and publish optional best
22 practices for law enforcement agencies regard-
23 ing—

24 “(i) training law enforcement officers
25 in the use of trauma kits;

1 “(ii) the deployment and maintenance
2 of trauma kits in law enforcement vehicles;
3 and

4 “(iii) the deployment, location, and
5 maintenance of trauma kits in law enforce-
6 ment agency or other government facilities.

7 “(4) COMPONENTS.—The components of a
8 trauma kit described in this paragraph are—

9 “(A) a tourniquet recommended by the
10 Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;

11 “(B) a bleeding control bandage;

12 “(C) a pair of nonlatex protective gloves
13 and a pen-type marker;

14 “(D) a pair of blunt-ended scissors;

15 “(E) instructional documents developed—

16 “(i) under the ‘Stop the Bleed’ na-
17 tional awareness campaign of the Depart-
18 ment of Homeland Security, or any suc-
19 cessor thereto;

20 “(ii) by the American College of Sur-
21 geons Committee on Trauma;

22 “(iii) by the American Red Cross; or

23 “(iv) by any partner of the Depart-
24 ment of Defense;

1 “(F) a bag or other container adequately
2 designed to hold the contents of the kit; and

3 “(G) any additional trauma kit supplies
4 that—

5 “(i) are approved by a State, local, or
6 Tribal law enforcement agency or first re-
7 sponders;

8 “(ii) can adequately treat a traumatic
9 injury; and

10 “(iii) can be stored in a readily avail-
11 able kit.”.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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