

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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

7 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA KIT STANDARDS.**

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

1 “(d) TRAUMA KITS.—

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

6 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR TRAUMA KITS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of law, a grantee may only pur-
9 chase a trauma kit using funds made available
10 under this part if the trauma kit meets the per-
11 formance standards established by the Director
12 of the Bureau of Justice Assistance under para-
13 graph (3)(A).

14 “(B) AUTHORITY TO SEPARATELY AC-
15 QUIRE.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall
16 prohibit a grantee from separately acquiring the
17 components of a trauma kit and assembling
18 complete trauma kits that meet the perform-
19 ance standards.

20 “(3) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OP-
21 TIONAL AGENCY BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than
22 180 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
23 section, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assist-
24 ance, in consultation with organizations representing
25 trauma surgeons, emergency medical response pro-

1 professionals, emergency physicians, other medical pro-
2 professionals, relevant law enforcement agencies of
3 States and units of local government, professional
4 law enforcement organizations, local law enforcement
5 labor or representative organizations, and law en-
6 forcement trade associations, shall—

7 “(A) develop and publish performance
8 standards for trauma kits that are eligible for
9 purchase using funds made available under this
10 part that, at a minimum, require the compo-
11 nents described in paragraph (4) to be included
12 in a trauma kit; and

13 “(B) develop and publish optional best
14 practices for law enforcement agencies regard-
15 ing—

16 “(i) training law enforcement officers
17 in the use of trauma kits;

18 “(ii) the deployment and maintenance
19 of trauma kits in law enforcement vehicles;
20 and

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

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

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

3 “(B) a bleeding control bandage;

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

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

7 “(E) instructional documents developed—

8 “(i) under the ‘Stop the Bleed’ na-
9 tional awareness campaign of the Depart-
10 ment of Homeland Security, or any suc-
11 cessor thereto;

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

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

15 “(iv) by any partner of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense;

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

19 “(G) any additional trauma kit supplies
20 that—

21 “(i) are approved by a State, local, or
22 Tribal law enforcement agency or first re-
23 sponders;

24 “(ii) can adequately treat a traumatic
25 injury; and

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