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To impose appropriate penalties for the assault or murder of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, for the retaliatory assault or murder of a family member of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, and for other purposes.

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

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 “Daniel Faulkner Law
5 Enforcement Officers and Judges Protection Act of
6 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL PENALTIES FOR MURDER OR KIDNAPPING**
2 **OF A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
3 **OR FEDERAL JUDGE.**

4 (a) MURDER.—Section 1114 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Whoever”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) If the victim of an offense punishable under this
9 section or section 1117 is a Federal law enforcement offi-
10 cer or a United States judge (as those terms are defined
11 in section 115), the offender shall be punished by a fine
12 under this title and—

13 “(1) in the case of murder in the first degree,
14 or an attempt or conspiracy to commit murder in
15 the first degree, death or imprisonment for life;

16 “(2) in the case of murder in the second degree,
17 or an attempt or conspiracy to commit murder in
18 the second degree, imprisonment for any term of
19 years not less than 25 or for life; and

20 “(3) in the case of voluntary manslaughter, im-
21 prisonment for any term of years not less than 10
22 or for life.”.

23 (b) KIDNAPPING.—Section 1201(a) of title 18,
24 United States Code, is amended—

25 (1) by redesignating subsections (f), (g), and

26 (h) as subsections (g), (h), and (i), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(f) If the victim of an offense punishable under sub-
4 section (a), (c), or (d) is a Federal law enforcement officer
5 or a United States judge (as those terms are defined in
6 section 115), the offender shall be punished by a fine
7 under this title and imprisonment for any term of years
8 not less than 20 or for life, or, if death results, may be
9 sentenced to death.”.

10 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL PENALTIES FOR ASSAULTING A FEDERAL**
11 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FEDERAL**
12 **JUDGE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111 of title 18, United
14 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 **“§ 111. Assaulting or interfering with certain officers**
16 **or employees**

17 “(a) OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful to—

19 “(A) assault or interfere with an officer or
20 employee described in section 1114, while such
21 officer or employee is engaged in, or on account
22 of the performance of, official duties;

23 “(B) assault or interfere with an individual
24 who formerly served as an officer or employee

1 described in section 1114 on account of the per-
2 formance of official duties; or

3 “(C) assault or interfere with an individual
4 on account of that individual’s current or
5 former status as an officer or employee de-
6 scribed in section 1114.

7 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
8 graph (1), shall be—

9 “(A) fined under this title;

10 “(B)(i) in the case of an interference or a
11 simple assault, imprisoned for not more than 1
12 year;

13 “(ii) in the case of an assault involving ac-
14 tual physical contact or the intent to commit
15 any other felony, imprisoned for not more than
16 10 years;

17 “(iii) in the case of an assault resulting in
18 bodily injury, imprisoned for not more than 20
19 years; or

20 “(iv) in the case of an assault resulting in
21 substantial bodily injury (as that term is de-
22 fined in section 113), or if a dangerous weapon
23 was used or possessed during and in relation to
24 the offense (including a weapon intended to
25 cause death or danger but that fails to do so by

1 reason of a defective component), imprisoned
2 for not more than 30 years; or

3 “(C) fined under subparagraph (A) and
4 imprisoned under subparagraph (B).

5 “(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND JUDGES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the victim of an assault
7 punishable under this section is a Federal law en-
8 forcement officer or a United States judge (as those
9 terms are defined in section 115)—

10 “(A) and if the assault resulted in substan-
11 tial bodily injury (as that term is defined in sec-
12 tion 113), the offender shall be punished by a
13 fine under this title and imprisonment for not
14 less 5 years nor more than 30 years; and

15 “(B) and if the assault resulted in serious
16 bodily injury (as that term is defined in section
17 2119(2)), or a dangerous weapon was used or
18 possessed during and in relation to the offense,
19 the offender shall be punished by a fine under
20 this title and imprisonment for any term of
21 years not less than 10 or for life.

22 “(2) IMPOSITION OF PUNISHMENT.—Each pun-
23 ishment for criminal conduct described in this sub-
24 section shall be in addition to any other punishment

1 for other criminal conduct during the same criminal
2 episode.”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

4 The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 7 of title
5 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item
6 relating to section 111 and inserting the following:

“111. Assaulting or interfering with certain officers or employees.”.

7 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL PENALTIES FOR RETALIATING AGAINST A**
8 **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR**
9 **FEDERAL JUDGE BY MURDERING OR AS-**
10 **SAULTING A FAMILY MEMBER.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 115 of title 18, United
12 States Code, is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
14 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(c)(1) If an offense punishable under this section
18 is committed with the intent to impede, intimidate, or
19 interfere with a Federal law enforcement officer or a
20 United States judge while that officer or judge is engaged
21 in the performance of official duties, with the intent to
22 retaliate against that officer or judge or a person who for-
23 merly served as such an officer or judge on account of
24 the performance of official duties, or with the intent to
25 retaliate against an individual on account of that individ-

1 ual’s current or former status as such an officer or judge,
2 the offender shall be punished—

3 “(A) in the case of murder, attempted murder,
4 conspiracy to murder, or manslaughter, as provided
5 in section 1114(b);

6 “(B) in the case of kidnapping, attempted kid-
7 napping, or conspiracy to kidnap, as provided in sec-
8 tion 1201(f);

9 “(C) in the case of an assault resulting in bod-
10 ily injury or involving the use or possession of a dan-
11 gerous weapon during and in relation to the offense,
12 as provided for a comparable offense against a Fed-
13 eral law enforcement officer or United States judge
14 under section 111; and

15 “(D) in the case of any other assault or threat,
16 by a fine under this title and imprisonment for not
17 more than 10 years.

18 “(2) Each punishment for criminal conduct described
19 in this subsection shall be in addition to any other punish-
20 ment for other criminal conduct during the same criminal
21 episode.”.

22 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
23 Section 2237(e)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
24 amended by striking “in section 115(c)” and inserting “in
25 section 115”.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL JUDGES AND FED-**
2 **ERAL PROSECUTORS TO CARRY FIREARMS.**

3 (a) AUTHORITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 203 of title 18,
5 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
6 section 3053 the following:

7 **“§ 3054. Authority of Federal judges and prosecutors**
8 **to carry firearms**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any justice of the United States
10 or judge of the United States (as those terms are defined
11 in section 451 of title 28), any judge of a court created
12 under article I of the United States Constitution, any
13 bankruptcy judge, any magistrate judge, any United
14 States attorney, and any other officer or employee of the
15 Department of Justice whose duties include representing
16 the United States in a court of law, may carry a firearm.

17 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
18 the date of enactment of the Daniel Faulkner Law En-
19 forcement Officers and Judges Protection Act of 2007, the
20 Attorney General shall promulgate regulations to carry
21 out this section. Such regulations may provide for training
22 and regular certification in the use of firearms and shall,
23 with respect to justices, judges, bankruptcy judges, and
24 magistrate judges, be promulgated after consultation with
25 the Judicial Conference of the United States.”.

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 3054(a) of title
 2 18, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1),
 3 shall take effect 90 days after the date on which the
 4 Attorney General promulgates regulations under sec-
 5 tion 3054(b) of title 18, United States Code, as
 6 added by paragraph (1).

7 (3) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 8 MENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of
 9 chapter 203 of title 18, United States Code, is
 10 amended by inserting after item relating to section
 11 3053 the following:

“3054. Authority of Federal judges and prosecutors to carry firearms.”.

12 (b) AMENDMENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
 13 SAFETY PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 926B of title 18,
 15 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 16 end the following:

17 “(f) For purposes of this section, a law enforcement
 18 officer of the Amtrak Police Department or a law enforce-
 19 ment or police officer of any department or agency of the
 20 Federal Government qualifies as an employee of a govern-
 21 mental agency who is authorized by law to engage in or
 22 supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or pros-
 23 ecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any vio-
 24 lation of law, and has statutory powers of arrest.”.

1 (2) RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—
2 Section 926C of title 18, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (A) in subsection (c)—

5 (i) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
6 “was regularly employed as a law enforce-
7 ment officer for an aggregate of 15 years
8 or more” and inserting “served as a law
9 enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10
10 years or more”;

11 (ii) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5)
12 and inserting the following:

13 “(4) during the most recent 12-month period,
14 has met, at the expense of the individual, the stand-
15 ards for qualification in firearms training for active
16 law enforcement officers as set by the former agency
17 of that officer, the State in which that officer re-
18 sides, or a law enforcement agency within the State
19 in which that officer resides;” and

20 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
21 and (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respec-
22 tively;

23 (B) in subsection (d)—

24 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “to
25 meet the standards established by the

1 agency for training and qualification for
2 active law enforcement officers to carry a
3 firearm of the same type as the concealed
4 firearm” and inserting “to meet the active
5 duty standards for qualification in firearms
6 training as established by the agency to
7 carry a firearm of the same type as the
8 concealed firearm”; and

9 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
10 “otherwise found by the State” and all
11 that follows and inserting “otherwise found
12 by the State or a certified firearms instruc-
13 tor that is qualified to conduct a firearms
14 qualification test for active duty officers
15 within that State to have met—

16 “(i) the active duty standards for qualifica-
17 tion in firearms training as established by the
18 State to carry a firearm of the same type as the
19 concealed firearm; or

20 “(ii) if the State has not established the
21 standards described in clause (i), standards set
22 by any law enforcement agency within that
23 State to carry a firearm of the same type as the
24 concealed firearm.”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) In this section, the term ‘service with a public
2 agency as a law enforcement officer’ includes service as
3 a law enforcement officer of the Amtrak Police Depart-
4 ment or as a law enforcement or police officer of any de-
5 partment or agency of the Federal Government.”.

6 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON DAMAGES INCURRED DURING COM-**
7 **MISSION OF A FELONY OR CRIME OF VIO-**
8 **LENCE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1979 of the Revised
10 States (42 U.S.C. 1983) is amended by—

11 (1) striking “except that in any action” and all
12 that follows through “relief was unavailable.” and
13 inserting the following: “except that—

14 “(1) in any action brought against a judicial of-
15 ficer for an act or omission taken in the judicial ca-
16 pacity of that officer, injunctive relief shall not be
17 granted unless a declaratory decree was violated or
18 declaratory relief was unavailable; and

19 “(2) in any action seeking redress for a depri-
20 vation that was incurred in the course of, or as a re-
21 sult of, or is related to, conduct by the injured party
22 that, more likely than not, constituted a felony or a
23 crime of violence (as that term is defined in section
24 16 of title 18, United States Code) (including any
25 deprivation in the course of arrest or apprehension

1 for, or the investigation, prosecution, or adjudication
2 of, such an offense), a court shall not have jurisdic-
3 tion to consider a claim for damages other than for
4 necessary out-of-pocket expenditures and other mon-
5 etary loss.”; and

6 (2) indenting the last sentence as an undesig-
7 nated paragraph.

8 (b) ATTORNEY’S FEES.—Section 722(b) of the Re-
9 vised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1988(b)) is amended by striking
10 “except that in any action” and all that follows and insert-
11 ing the following: “except that—

12 “(1) in any action brought against a judicial of-
13 ficer for an act or omission taken in the judicial ca-
14 pacity of that officer, such officer shall not be held
15 liable for any costs, including attorneys fees, unless
16 such action was clearly in excess of the jurisdiction
17 of that officer; and

18 “(2) in any action seeking redress for a depri-
19 vation that was incurred in the course of, or as a re-
20 sult of, or is related to, conduct by the injured party
21 that, more likely than not, constituted a felony or a
22 crime of violence (as that term is defined in section
23 16 of title 18, United States Code) (including any
24 deprivation in the course of arrest or apprehension
25 for, or the investigation, prosecution, or adjudication

1 of, such an offense), the court may not allow such
2 party to recover attorney’s fees.”.

3 **SEC. 7. FEDERAL REVIEW OF STATE CONVICTION FOR**
4 **MURDER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
5 **OR JUDGE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2254 of title 28, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(j)(1) For an application for a writ of habeas corpus
10 on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment
11 of a State court for a crime that involved the killing of
12 a public safety officer (as that term is defined in section
13 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
14 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b)) or judge, while the public
15 safety officer or judge was engaged in the performance
16 of official duties, or on account of the public safety offi-
17 cer’s or judge’s performance of official duties or status
18 as a public safety officer or judge—

19 “(A) the application shall be subject to the time
20 limitations and other requirements under sections
21 2263, 2264, and 2266; and

22 “(B) the court shall not consider claims relating
23 to sentencing that were adjudicated in a State court.

24 “(2) Sections 2251, 2262, and 2101 are the exclusive
25 sources of authority for Federal courts to stay a sentence

1 of death entered by a State court in a case described in
2 paragraph (1).”.

3 (b) RULES.—Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section
4 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following: “Rule 60(b)(6) of
6 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply to
7 a proceeding under these rules in a case that is described
8 in section 2254(j) of title 28, United States Code.”.

9 (c) FINALITY OF DETERMINATION.—Section
10 2244(b)(3)(E) of title 28, United States Code, is amended
11 by striking “the subject of a petition” and all that follows
12 and inserting: “reheard in the court of appeals or reviewed
13 by writ of certiorari.”.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section and the amend-
16 ments made by this section shall apply to any case
17 pending on or after the date of enactment of this
18 Act.

19 (2) TIME LIMITS.—In a case pending on the
20 date of enactment of this Act, if the amendments
21 made by this section impose a time limit for taking
22 certain action, the period of which began before the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the period of such
24 time limit shall begin on the date of enactment of
25 this Act.

1 (3) EXCEPTION.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall not bar consideration under section
3 2266(b)(3)(B) of title 28, United States Code, of an
4 amendment to an application for a writ of habeas
5 corpus that is pending on the date of enactment of
6 this Act, if the amendment to the petition was adju-
7 dicated by the court prior to the date of enactment
8 of this Act.

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