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H. R. 3242

To provide for the reporting of deaths of persons in custody.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 1996

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) introduced the following bill;
which was 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 “Reporting Deaths in
5 Custody Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING OF DEATHS OF PERSONS IN CUSTODY**

7 **IN JAILS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall, in
9 such form and manner as the Attorney General deter-
10 mines, and under such regulations as the Attorney Gen-
11 eral shall prescribe, require that the appropriate public au-
12 thorities report promptly to the Attorney General the

1 death of each individual who dies in custody while in a
2 municipal or county jail, State or Federal prison, or other
3 similar place of confinement. Each such report shall in-
4 clude the cause of death and all other facts relevant to
5 the death reported, which the person so reporting shall
6 have the duty to make a good faith effort to ascertain.

7 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Attorney General shall
8 annually publish a report containing—

9 (1) the number of deaths in each institution for
10 which a report was filed during the relevant report-
11 ing period;

12 (2) the cause of death and time of death for
13 each death so reported; and

14 (3) such other information about the death as
15 the Attorney General deems relevant.

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