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LATEST:

#BLM & Movement for Black Lives are promoting a 128 page bill that brings their radical protest demands into political reality.

The bill eliminates DoD ops, stops counter-terrorism programs, offers social services to illegal immigrants, &

Due to the exorbitant length of the bill (it's 128 pages) I have to explain the specifics of the BREATEHE act in sections. This article only includes the first section of the bill, which is pages 1-10.

You can find the full bill here: https://t.co/3WgchuFqXf



The BREATHE Act
Federal Bill Proposal

- **Section 1:** Divesting Federal Resources from Policing and Incarceration & Ending Federal Criminal-Legal System Harms
- **Section 2:** Investing in New Approaches to Community Safety Utilizing Funding Incentives
- **Section 3:** Allocating New Money to Build Healthy, Sustainable & Equitable Communities for All People
- **Section 4:** Holding Officials Accountable & Enhancing Self-Determination of Black Communities

Key Definitions here.

Section 1 – Divesting Federal Resources from Policing and Incarceration & Ending Federal Criminal-Legal System Harms

SUBSECTION 1: DIVESTMENT FROM THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL-LEGAL SYSTEM

In the first 10 pages, the BREATHE Act moves to:

1. Repeal federal funding for local law enforcement.

The first two pages alone "abolishes" the D.E.A. and removes local law enforcement's ability to access federal funding for bulletproof vests.

Key Definitions here.

Section 1 – Divesting Federal Resources from Policing and Incarceration & Ending Federal Criminal-Legal System Harms

SUBSECTION 1: DIVESTMENT FROM THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL-LEGAL SYSTEM

1A: Repeal of Federal Programs

- REPEAL OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—
  - As of the first fiscal year (FY) beginning after the date that is one year after this Act becomes law, any existing budget authorizations and appropriations to the following programs and agencies are repealed, except as to the extent that is necessary to implement the Employee Transition Plan:
    - **Programs within the Department of Defense (DOD):**
      - DOD 1033 program (10 USC §2576); and
      - DOD 1122 program.
    - **Programs within the Department of Justice (DOJ):**
      - DOJ Office of Justice Programs State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, including:
        - The Edward Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Title I of Pub. L. No. 90-351 codified at 34 USC §10101-10726);
        - The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (42 USC §3711); Project Safe Neighborhoods (34 USC §10101 & 34 USC §60701); and
        - The Community Trust Initiative (28 USC §530C);

2. Eliminate Department of Homeland Security (@DHSgov) programs, including ICE and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programs.

- DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services, including such programs as Operation Relentless Pursuit;
- DOJ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, pending the transference provisions described in Subsection 1E;
- DOJ Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA);
- DOJ Denaturalization Section;
- DOJ Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section;
- DOJ National Gang Center;
- DOJ Organized Crime and Gang Section;
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) surveillance programs that target individuals and communities based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, age, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability, including (but not limited to) "Iron Fist" and the Safe Streets and Gang Unit;
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF); and
- FBI Transnational Anti-Gang Task Forces.

- **Programs within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):**
  - Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), including:
    - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI);
    - Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO); and
    - Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST);
  - DHS National Vetting Center;
  - DHS Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which includes:
    - The State Homeland Security Grant Program;
    - The Urban Area Security Initiative; and
    - Operation Stonegarden;
    - *Note: This does not include the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program or grants to nonprofit organizations.*
  - DHS Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Program;
  - DHS Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant

The specific programs that they move to abolish include:

ICE

Border Enforcement Security program

Countering Violent Extremism program

Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Denaturalization Program

3. Eliminates the ATF's Hiring and Training Programs and Preventing Federal Funding of Prisons (@ATFHQ)

The bill prevents the U.S. from preventing international drug trafficking and manufacturing disruption efforts, no funding to support the building / repurposing of prisons.

1B: Deauthorization of Certain Spending Purposes

- BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, & FIREARMS.—
  - As of the first fiscal year (FY) beginning after the date that is one year after this Act becomes law, the DOJ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) (28 USC §599A) is no longer authorized to provide any funding that serves to train, equip, increase hiring capacity for, or otherwise support the activities of law enforcement.
- DRUG-RELATED INTERVENTIONS.—
  - As of the first fiscal year (FY) beginning after the date that is one year after this Act becomes law no federal programs and agencies are authorized to provide any funding that serves to:
    - Further international drug interdiction efforts; and
    - Provide drug enforcement support to other Nation States in the form of funding, military equipment, training, intelligence sharing, or the deployment of troops.
- CARCERAL FUNDING TO STATES AND LOCALITIES.—
  - As of the first fiscal year (FY) beginning after the date that is one year after this Act becomes law, no federal agency shall be authorized to:
    - Make any grants, whether under a new or existing program, that support local or State carceral programs, services, or activities, including new loans for constructing carceral facilities, except where such funding is necessary for the activities that are noted in this Subsection;
    - Enforce any existing loan requirements that would prevent the demolition or repurposing of carceral facilities; or
    - Increase funding for any federal activities that primarily serve carceral purposes, except where such funding is necessary for the activities that are noted in this Subsection.
  - Notwithstanding any other language in this Subsection, the prohibitions in this Subsection shall not be construed to prevent or prohibit activities that require collaboration with local, State, or federal law enforcement to provide post-conviction, civil, immigration, family reunification, or reentry legal services and supports, including:
    - Case review;

4. Create a "Transfer of Funds" from the U.S. Government to Tribal Nations

A vague section of the bill calls for creating a grant program to "fulfill the U.S. Government's treaty and trust obligations to tribal nations." There is no specifics provided.

1C: Transfer of Tribal Funding

- ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—
  - As of the first fiscal year (FY) beginning after the date that is one year after this Act becomes law, the Office of Self Governance within the Department of the Interior (DOI) shall establish a grant program that fulfills the United States Government treaty and trust obligations to Tribal Nations.
- FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—
  - Such grant program shall have authority to appropriate money that:
    - Is equal to the amounts that were previously allocated to Tribal Nations through those programs repealed in Subsection 1A; and
    - Beyond such sums, amounts sufficient to fulfill the United States Government treaty and trust obligations to Tribal Nations.

5. Create Survivor Funding Programs; Offer Funding for People Experiencing "Violence of any Nature."

One of the hallmarks of the #BLM movement has been expanding the definition of "violence" to include everything from incarceration to a lack of financial reparations...

The BREATHE Act moves to require the Office of of Survivor Support and Harm Prevention to fund rehabilitation programs for people who experience "violence of any nature." They don't explain what that could include.

1D: Transfer of Survivor Funding Programs

- ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—
  - There is established an Office of Survivor Support & Harm Prevention ("Office") within the Community Public Safety Agency (see Section 2, Subsection 1) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- ELIGIBLE FUNDING PURPOSES.—
  - The Office shall fund non-carceral, non-punitive, prevention-oriented programs that:
    - Support survivors;
    - Address domestic violence and sexual violence, including rape; or
    - Otherwise support individuals who have experienced violence of any nature.
  - Such programs include, but are not limited to:
    - All non-carceral, non-punitive programming that was previously funded by the programs in Section 1A, which serve the purposes enumerated above;
    - Voluntary, non-coercive trauma-informed, health services and healing supports for communities so that they can recover from exposure to violence, abuse, and/or harmful interactions with police;
    - Vouchers, provided in collaboration with the Secretary for Housing and Urban Development (HUD), open to individuals who do not have safe places to go, including individuals experiencing domestic and/or sexual abuse, individuals who have been victims of human trafficking, and individuals who have experienced housing discrimination due to being or having been a sex worker; and
    - Programming related to abuse interruption, intervention, and prevention.
- FUNDING RESTRICTION.—
  - All programs and services provided and/or funded by the grant program must be:
    - Accessible to all people who have disabilities;
    - Accessible to non-citizens and undocumented individuals;

The funding will apply to non citizens and undocumented (illegal) immigrants. This includes support for communities that have experienced BLM-identified harmful interactions with law enforcement.

This section of the program also requires payment vouchers be issued to individuals who have no stable housing due to domestic violence, discrimination for being a "sex worker," and human trafficking survivors. (See Breathe Act Subsection 1, 1D)

6. Establish a "Youth Funding Program," Eliminate Responsibilities of Office of Juvenile Justice

Rather than allowing the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program to operate as usual, the bill moves to transfer the responsibilities of that program into a new program

1E: Transfer of Youth Funding Programs

- ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—
  - There is established an Office of Youth Support & Harm Prevention Programs ("Office") within the Community Public Safety Agency (see Section 2, Subsection 1) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- ELIGIBLE FUNDING PURPOSES.—
  - The Office shall fund non-carceral, non-punitive programs that serve to promote youth safety, including prevention of harm. Such programs include (but are not limited to) all non-carceral, non-punitive programming that was previously funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- FUNDING RESTRICTION.—
  - All programs and services provided and/or funded by the grant program must be:
    - Accessible to all people who have disabilities;
    - Accessible to non-citizens and undocumented individuals;
    - Non-discriminatory;
    - Non-coercive;
    - Non-carceral, including no connection to law enforcement; and
    - Non-punitive.
- ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—
  - Eligible recipients shall be community-based organizations, including a preference for organizations that:

The program would be available to illegal immigrants and non-citizens, and would be run by "community based" leadership with a racial makeup that represents the community.

This is where things get crazy - the bill also moves to eliminate multiple @DeptofDefense programs. They also want to eliminate the use of F-35 jets.

Goals for the next subsection include:

-reduce funding for Department of Defense by 10% in 2021.

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-creating an independent commission that would have access to otherwise confidential military information

- The commission would be provided $12 million dollars to operate.

-The commission's duties would include oversight on DoD decisions and...

Change our nuclear defense program

Eliminate the @SpaceForceDoD

Eliminating the U.S. F-35 jet

Reducing overseas troop deployment by at least 50%.

Stopping the construction of new military aircraft

Eliminating Overseas Contingency Operations program.

1F: Reducing the Defense Budget

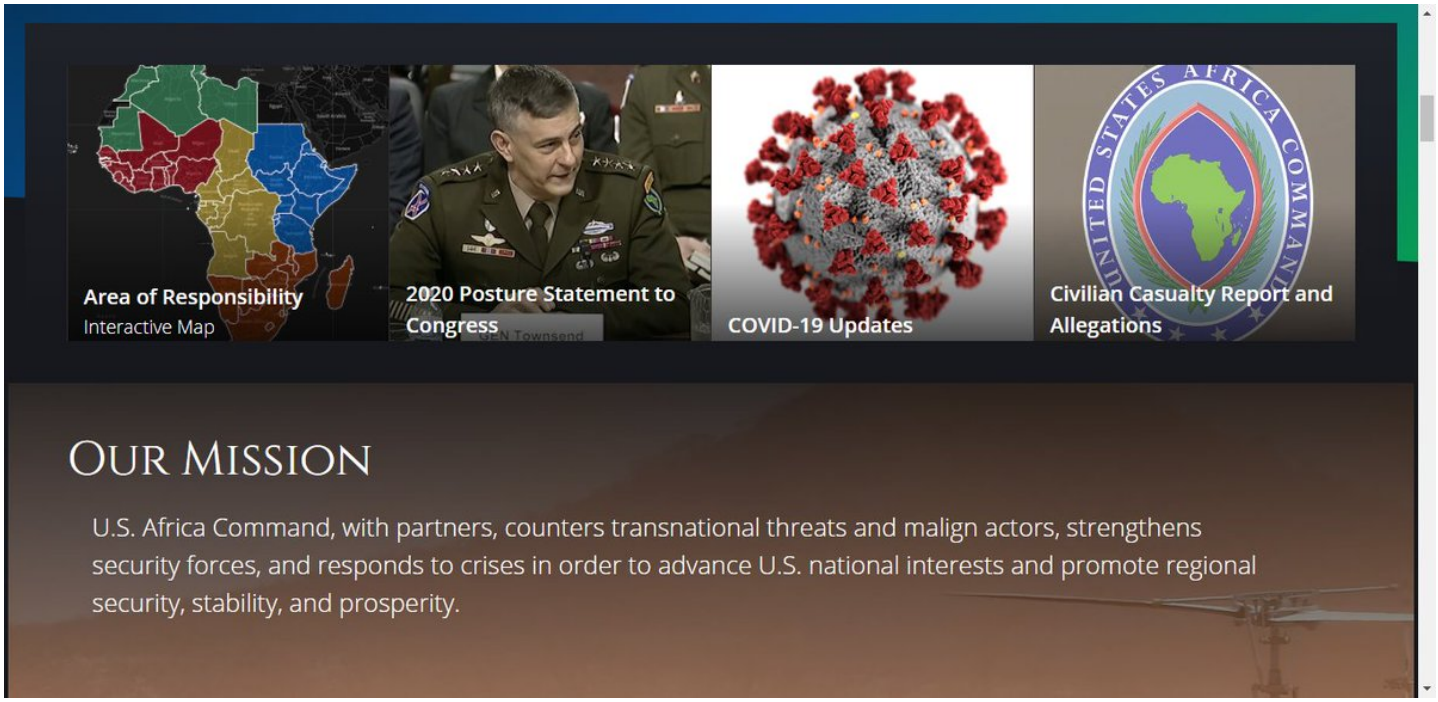
- REPEAL OF OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS ACCOUNT.—
  - Upon enactment of this Act, the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) mechanism is terminated and shall not be authorized to receive new appropriations.
- TEN PERCENT BUDGET REDUCTION.—
  - As of the first fiscal year (FY) beginning after the date that is one year after this Act becomes law, budget function 050 shall be capped to enact a 10 percent budget reduction from its fiscal year 2021 enacted level.
- CREATION OF INDEPENDENT COMMISSION.—
  - There is established an independent Commission ("Commission") to study how to reduce the Department of Defense budget.
- COMMISSION DUTIES.—
  - OVERALL.—
    - Within one year of the date that this Act becomes law, the Commission shall submit a plan to Congress that will reduce, within 4 years following the beginning of plan implementation, 50% of the current Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Energy (DOE) budget from:
      - The total DOD budget and staffing; and
      - The affiliated nuclear weapons budget and staffing at the DOE.
  - GUIDELINES.—
    - When designing these proposed reductions, the Commission shall recommend cuts that align with the following priorities:
      - Ending endless wars, including through cuts to the U.S. armed forces that will reduce by not fewer than 50% overseas troop deployments;
      - Creating a pathway to eliminating nuclear weapons, including through immediate actions that stop the development of new weapons;
      - Reducing spending on private contractors;
      - Eliminating the Space Force, which will militarize U.S. space policy and increase the possibility of unnecessary wars;
      - Defunding unnecessary, unworkable, and unaffordable aircrafts, such as the F-35;

Ending the U.S. Africom Program

Ending funding to foreign military forces

Eliminating funds allocated to the European Deterrence Initiative, the Defense Emergency Response Fund, Pacific Deterrence Initiative, and Base Operations Support

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OVERALL, the first section of the BREATHE Act is dedicated eliminating the ability of law enforcement and the Department of Defense to do their jobs by blocking access to funding and logistical channels.

Again, what is explained above is only 10 of the 128 total pages.

BLM co-founder P. Cullors has marketed the bill in @TeenVogue, calling it a "love letter to Black people" & "modern day civil rights legislation."

Fantastic marketing, but this bill has more to do with controlling policing & defense than civil rights.
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