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Require police forces to register hate crimes committed against people with learning difficulties and learning disabilities including autism; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Hate crime: provision of information by chief officers of police

After section 44 of the Police Act 1996, there is inserted—

“44A Hate crime: provision of information by chief officers of police

- (1) A chief officer of police of any police force must establish and maintain a register of hate crimes committed against people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities. 5
- (2) A chief officer of police of any police force must provide the Secretary of State with a copy of the register of hate crimes under subsection (1) on such dates as shall be specified by order by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The register under subsection (1) may, in particular, specify information in the form of statistical data, being data connected with— 10
 - (a) the policing of that police area, or
 - (b) the discharge of the national or international functions of the police force for that area.
- (4) The Secretary of State must by order specify the form in which information under subsection (1) is to be collected and registered. 15
- (5) The Secretary of State may require a chief officer to publish, in such manner as appears to the Secretary of State to be appropriate, information provided in accordance with a requirement under subsection (1). 20
- (6) The Secretary of State may cause a consolidated and classified abstract of any information in the form of statistical data that is provided in

accordance with subsection (1) to be prepared and laid before Parliament.

- (7) The Secretary of State must by order made by statutory instrument specify the learning difficulties or learning disabilities required to be registered pursuant to subsection (1), such specification to include autism.”

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2 Orders and regulations

- (1) Any power to make an order or regulations under this Act is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) A statutory instrument containing an order under section 1 may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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3 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Hate Crime (People with Learning Difficulties and Learning Disabilities) Act 2014.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

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