

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3376

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants to recruit and retain law enforcement officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2023

Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mrs. SYKES, and Mr. CAREY) 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 “Enhancing COPS Hir-
5 ing Program Grants for Local Law Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLIC-**
2 **ING GRANTS.**

3 (a) USES OF GRANTS.—Section 1701 of the Omnibus
4 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
5 10381) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding before the
8 semicolon the following “or to provide bonuses
9 for the recruitment and retention of law en-
10 forcement officers or career law enforcement of-
11 ficers”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by adding before the
13 semicolon the following “or to provide bonuses
14 for the recruitment and retention of law en-
15 forcement officers or career law enforcement of-
16 ficers”; and

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

18 “(n) SIMPLIFICATION OF GRANT APPLICATION
19 PROCESS.—In awarding a grant under this part, the At-
20 torney General may permit an applicant for such a grant
21 to amend a submitted application in lieu of creating a new
22 application, for consideration for funding for up to five
23 subsequent years after the original application was sub-
24 mitted for consideration for funding if such applicant was
25 not awarded funding.”.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1709 of the Omnibus
2 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
3 10389) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(8) ‘law enforcement officer’ shall have the
5 meaning given such term in section 1204(9).

6 “(9) ‘submitted application’ means an applica-
7 tion submitted for a grant awarded pursuant to
8 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1701(b).”.

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