

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4246

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of COPS grants for recruitment efforts.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2023

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Investing in Commu-  
5 nity Safety Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECRUITMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

7 Section 1701 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
8 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (22) and  
2 (23) as paragraphs (23) and (24); and

3 (B) by inserting after paragraph (21) the  
4 following:

5 “(22) recruiting efforts, including related travel  
6 expenses, marketing expenses, retention bonuses,  
7 and targeted community outreach events;”; and

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “or”  
10 at the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking the  
12 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

14 “(4) for recruiting efforts from an applicant—

15 “(A) that has experienced a history of high  
16 violent crime rates that may have an adverse ef-  
17 fect on recruitment; or

18 “(B) a history of persistent recruitment  
19 shortfalls.”.

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