

Union Calendar No. 400

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8146

[Report No. 118–482]

To require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2024

Mr. D'ESPOSITO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 6, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 29, 2024]

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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 “Police Our Border Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 *Congress finds as follows:*

7 (1) *Our Federal, State, local, and Tribal law en-*
8 *forcement officers put their lives on the line each day*
9 *in order to protect our country and serve their com-*
10 *munities.*

11 (2) *According to the National Law Enforcement*
12 *Officer Memorial Fund, 136 law enforcement officers*
13 *died in the line-of-duty in 2023.*

14 (3) *Congress should do everything in its power to*
15 *support law enforcement officers at every level and in*
16 *every part of our nation.*

17 (4) *The southwest border crisis created by the*
18 *Biden Administration has made every state a border*
19 *state.*

20 (5) *The Biden border crisis has placed a burden*
21 *on law enforcement agencies across the nation and*
22 *has placed a significant strain on the resources that*
23 *are critical to keeping communities safe.*

1 (6) *Law enforcement officers in every state are*
2 *put in life-threatening scenarios as a direct result of*
3 *the open borders.*

4 (7) *Law enforcement has been forced to deal with*
5 *the influx of fentanyl and many officers are exposed*
6 *to the drug while on duty.*

7 (8) *It is in the best interest of law enforcement*
8 *officers and the communities they serve for Congress*
9 *to pass, and the President to sign into law, strong*
10 *border security legislation.*

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

12 *Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment*
13 *of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress*
14 *a report on the impact the Biden border crisis is having*
15 *on law enforcement officers at the Federal, State, local, and*
16 *Tribal level, including—*

17 (1) *the estimated dollar amount of all resources*
18 *devoted to addressing the Biden border crisis, and the*
19 *extent to which such resources are not available to*
20 *law enforcement agencies;*

21 (2) *the exposure of law enforcement officers to*
22 *fentanyl resulting from encounters with illegal aliens*
23 *at the border and in the United States;*

1 (3) *injuries to law enforcement officers based on*
2 *a connection to the Biden border crisis or exposure to*
3 *fentanyl; and*

4 (4) *the morale of law enforcement officers.*

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