

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8420

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2024

Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Filling Public Safety
5 Vacancies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of
3 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for
4 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to remain
5 available until expended, \$162,000,000 for additional
6 amounts for grants for the hiring and rehiring of addi-
7 tional career law enforcement officers under section 1701
8 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
9 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381).

10 (b) BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
11 EVALUATIONS.—A law enforcement agency using amounts
12 appropriated under subsection (a) to hire or rehire a law
13 enforcement officer—

14 (1) shall—

15 (A) perform a background check on the
16 law enforcement officer; and

17 (B) ensure that the law enforcement offi-
18 cer undergoes a psychological evaluation; and

19 (2) shall use amounts appropriated under sub-
20 section (a) or other funds of the law enforcement
21 agency to cover the cost of carrying out the require-
22 ments under paragraph (1).

23 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.**

24 The amounts provided by this Act are designated as
25 an emergency requirement pursuant to section

- 1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
- 2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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