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S. 1387

To reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2023

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Project Safe Neighbor-
5 hoods Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Launched in 2001, the Project Safe Neigh-
9 borhoods program is a nationwide initiative that

1 brings together Federal, State, local, and Tribal law
2 enforcement officials, prosecutors, community lead-
3 ers, and other stakeholders to identify the most
4 pressing crime problems in a community and work
5 collaboratively to address those problems.

6 (2) The Project Safe Neighborhoods program—

7 (A) operates in all 94 Federal judicial dis-
8 tricts throughout the 50 States and territories
9 of the United States; and

10 (B) implements 4 key components to suc-
11 cessfully reduce violent crime in communities,
12 including community engagement, prevention
13 and intervention, focused and strategic enforce-
14 ment, and accountability.

15 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Project Safe
17 Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018
18 (34 U.S.C. 60701) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and
20 (3) as paragraphs (2), (4), and (5), respectively;

21 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
22 designated, the following:

23 “(1) the term ‘crime analyst’ means an indi-
24 vidual employed by a law enforcement agency for the
25 purpose of separating information into key compo-

1 nents and contributing to plans of action to under-
2 stand, mitigate, and neutralize criminal threats;”;
3 and

4 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2), as so re-
5 designated, the following:

6 “(3) the term ‘law enforcement assistant’
7 means an individual employed by a law enforcement
8 agency or a prosecuting agency for the purpose of
9 aiding law enforcement officers in investigative or
10 administrative duties;”.

11 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 4(b) of the Project
12 Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of
13 2018 (34 U.S.C. 60703(b)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the
15 end;

16 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
17 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(5) hiring crime analysts to assist with violent
20 crime reduction efforts;

21 “(6) the cost of overtime for law enforcement
22 officers, prosecutors, and law enforcement assistants
23 that assist with the Program; and

1 “(7) purchasing, implementing, and using tech-
2 nology to assist with violent crime reduction ef-
3 forts.”.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
5 6 of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Au-
6 thorization Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C. 60705) is amended
7 by striking “fiscal years 2019 through 2021” and insert-
8 ing “fiscal years 2024 through 2028”.

9 **SEC. 4. TASK FORCE SUPPORT.**

10 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
11 “Officer Ella Grace French and Sergeant Jim Smith Task
12 Force Support Act of 2023”.

13 (b) AMENDMENT.—Section 4(b) of the Project Safe
14 Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018
15 (34 U.S.C. 60703(b)), as amended by section 3(b), is
16 amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the
18 end;

19 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
20 the end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(8) support for multi-jurisdictional task
23 forces.”.

1 **SEC. 5. TRANSPARENCY.**

2 Not less frequently than annually, the Attorney Gen-
3 eral shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of
4 the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
5 House of Representatives a report that details, for each
6 area in which the Project Safe Neighborhoods Block
7 Grant Program operates and with respect to the 1-year
8 period preceding the date of the report—

9 (1) how the area spent funds under the Project
10 Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program;

11 (2) the total number of criminal prosecutions
12 carried out in the area, disaggregated by the number
13 of Federal and State prosecutions, and the results of
14 those prosecutions;

15 (3) the community outreach efforts performed
16 in the area; and

17 (4) the number and a description of the violent
18 crime offenses committed in the area, including mur-
19 der, non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and
20 aggravated assault.

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