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S. 1709

To statutorily establish Operation Stonegarden, through which eligible law enforcement agencies shall be awarded grants for border security enhancement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2021

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN) 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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assisting Narcotics
5 and Trafficking officers in Interdicting Drugs Act” or the
6 “ANTI-Drugs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 2010. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
7 Department a program, which shall be known as ‘Oper-
8 ation Stonegarden’, under which the Secretary, acting
9 through the Administrator, shall award grants to eligible
10 law enforcement agencies, through the State administra-
11 tive agency, to enhance border security in accordance with
12 this section.

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—A law enforcement
14 agency is eligible to receive a grant under this section if
15 the agency—

16 “(1) is located in—

17 “(A) a State bordering Canada or Mexico;

18 or

19 “(B) a State or territory with a maritime
20 border; and

21 “(2) is involved in an active, ongoing, U.S. Cus-
22 toms and Border Protection operation coordinated
23 through a U.S. Border Patrol sector office.

24 “(c) PERMITTED USES.—Grant funds received under
25 this section may be used for—

1 “(1) equipment, including maintenance and
2 sustainment costs;

3 “(2) personnel, including overtime and backfill,
4 in support of enhanced border law enforcement ac-
5 tivities;

6 “(3) any activity permitted for Operation
7 Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland
8 Security’s most recent Homeland Security Grant
9 Program Notice of Funding Opportunity; and

10 “(4) any other appropriate activity, as deter-
11 mined by the Administrator, in consultation with the
12 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
13 tion.

14 “(d) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary
15 shall award grants under this section to grant recipients
16 for a period of not less than 3 years.

17 “(e) REPORT.—For each of the fiscal years 2022
18 through 2026, the Administrator shall submit a report to
19 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
20 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland
21 Security of the House of Representatives containing infor-
22 mation on the expenditure of grants made under this sec-
23 tion by each grant recipient.

24 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 is authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for each

1 of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for grants under
2 this section.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2002(a) of
4 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603(a)) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, through
7 the Administrator, may award grants under sections 2003,
8 2004, 2009, and 2010 to State, local, and tribal govern-
9 ments, as appropriate.”.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
12 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
13 2009 the following:

“Sec. 2010. Operation Stonegarden.”.

14 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG**
15 **TRAFFICKING AREAS PROGRAM.**

16 Section 707(p) of the Office of National Drug Con-
17 trol Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C.
18 1706(p)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(p) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 is authorized to be appropriated to the Office of National
21 Drug Control Policy \$300,000,000 for each of the fiscal
22 years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.”.

1 **SEC. 4. COPS GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 1701 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(n) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated to the Office of Commu-
7 nity Oriented Policing Services to carry out this part
8 \$400,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2022 through
9 2026.”.

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