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S. 2246

To provide grants to support the hiring of law enforcement officers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAWLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide grants to support the hiring of law enforcement officers.

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. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act to increase the number of
5 law enforcement officers in the United States by 100,000
6 to protect families living in the United States

7 **SEC. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUNDING PROGRAM.**

8 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
9 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART PP—HIRING ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCE-**
2 **MENT PERSONNEL FOLLOWING THE COVID-**
3 **19 PANDEMIC**

4 **“SEC. 3061. GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
6 award grants to State and local law enforcement agencies
7 to provide additional funding to support the hiring and
8 retention of law enforcement personnel and augment
9 wages paid to law enforcement personnel.

10 “(b) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A state or local law en-
12 forcement agency shall not be eligible for a grant
13 under this part unless the agency certifies that the
14 agency will hire additional law enforcement per-
15 sonnel to increase the number of law enforcement
16 personnel by 12.5 percent during the 1-year period
17 after receipt of the grant.

18 “(2) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CERTIFI-
19 CATION.—In the case of a State or local law enforce-
20 ment agency that receives a grant under this part,
21 and fails to achieve a not less than 12.5 percent in-
22 crease in law enforcement personnel by the end of
23 the 1-year period described in paragraph (1), the
24 State or local law enforcement agency may not be el-
25 ible for additional grant awards under this part.

1 **“SEC. 3062. USE OF FUNDS.**

2 “A State or local law enforcement agency that re-
3 ceives a grant under this part shall use the grant to hire
4 or retain law enforcement personnel.

5 **“SEC. 3063. APPLICATION.**

6 “A State or local law enforcement agency seeking a
7 grant under this part shall submit to the Attorney General
8 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
9 taining or accompanied by such information as the Attor-
10 ney General may reasonably require, including—

11 “(1) the number of law enforcement personnel
12 employed by the agency at the time of the grant ap-
13 plication;

14 “(2) a written certification, as described in sec-
15 tion 3061(b)(1), that the agency will hire additional
16 law enforcement personnel to increase the number of
17 law enforcement personnel by 12.5 percent during
18 the 1-year period after receipt of the grant;

19 “(3) a description of how the agency plans to
20 recruit, hire, and fund the salaries of the law en-
21 forcement personnel hired under paragraph (2);

22 “(4) a written certification that the agency
23 shall report to the Attorney General on the date that
24 is 1 year after the date on which the agency receives
25 a grant under this part the number of law enforce-
26 ment personnel hired during such 1-year period; and

1 “(5) a written certification that the agency
2 shall provide to the Attorney General and the Comp-
3 troller General of the United States, upon request,
4 access to any records relating to the receipt and use
5 of a grant under this part.

6 **“SEC. 3064. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 ““There are authorized to be appropriated to the At-
8 torney General \$5,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years
9 2022 through 2025 to carry out this part.”.

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