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S. 4875

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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 “Restoring Law and
5 Order Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

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

“PART PP**2 “SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.**

3 “In this part:

4 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
5 tity’ means an agency of a State, unit of local gov-
6 ernment, or Indian Tribe that is authorized by law
7 or by an agency of a State, unit of local government,
8 or Indian Tribe to engage in or supervise the pre-
9 vention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of
10 any violation of criminal law.

11 “(2) RURAL COUNTY.—The term ‘rural county’
12 means a county that is not a part of a metropolitan
13 statistical area (as defined by the Director of the Of-
14 fice of Management and Budget).

15 “SEC. 3062. ESTABLISHMENT.

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
17 award grants to eligible entities to—

18 “(1) hire and retain law enforcement officers;

19 “(2) combat interstate child trafficking;

20 “(3) prevent violent crime by prioritizing strin-
21 gent sentences for repeat offenders;

22 “(4) use public safety tools such as bail and
23 pretrial detention to prevent dangerous offenders
24 from returning to communities;

25 “(5) acquire resources to better target drug and
26 fentanyl crimes;

1 “(6) detain and deport illegal aliens who have
2 committed criminal offenses in the United States;
3 and

4 “(7) eliminate investigatory backlogs and more
5 quickly process criminal evidence.

6 “(b) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts ap-
7 propriated to carry out this part, the Attorney General
8 shall award not less than 25 percent to eligible entities
9 located in a rural county.

10 **“SEC. 3063. APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 “(a) IRS FUNDING.—

12 “(1) RESCISSION.—Effective on the date of en-
13 actment of the Restoring Law and Order Act, any
14 unobligated balances made available under clauses
15 (ii) and (iii) of section 10301(1)(A) of the Act titled
16 ‘An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to
17 title II of S. Con. Res. 14’ are rescinded.

18 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Of the unobligated bal-
19 ances rescinded under paragraph (1)—

20 “(A) \$9,500,000,000 is appropriated to
21 the Attorney General for fiscal year 2023 to
22 carry out this part, to remain available until
23 September 30, 2027; and

24 “(B) the remainder shall be deposited in
25 the Treasury.

1 “(b) UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.—

2 “(1) RESCISSION.—Effective on the date of en-
 3 actment of the Restoring Law and Order Act, any
 4 unobligated balances in the Employment Trust
 5 Fund established under section 904(a) of the Social
 6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a)) are rescinded.

7 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Of the unobligated bal-
 8 ances rescinded under paragraph (1)—

9 “(A) \$500,000,000 is appropriated to the
 10 Attorney General for fiscal year 2023 to carry
 11 out this part, to remain available until Sep-
 12 tember 30, 2027; and

13 “(B) the remainder shall be deposited in
 14 the Treasury.”.

15 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

16 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
 17 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
 18 shall conduct a study on the deficiencies—

19 (1) of law enforcement agencies in the United
 20 States in processing rape kits; and

21 (2) in the availability of rape kits.

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