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H. R. 10486

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2024

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. SWALWELL) introduced the following bill; which was 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 to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, 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 “Retired Law Enforce-
5 ment Officers Continuing Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CON-**
2 **TINUING SERVICE.**

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

6 **“PART PP—CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK**
7 **GRANTS**

8 **“SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.**

9 “In this part:

10 “(1) CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK.—The
11 term ‘civilian law enforcement task’—

12 “(A) includes—

13 “(i) assisting in homicide investiga-
14 tions;

15 “(ii) assisting in carjacking investiga-
16 tions;

17 “(iii) assisting in financial crimes in-
18 vestigations;

19 “(iv) reviewing camera footage;

20 “(v) crime scene analysis;

21 “(vi) forensics analysis; and

22 “(vii) providing expertise in com-
23 puters, computer networks, information
24 technology, or the internet; and

25 “(B) does not include any task that re-
26 quires sworn law enforcement authority.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
2 tity’ means a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law
3 enforcement agency that certifies that retired law
4 enforcement personnel hired using amounts from a
5 grant under this part—

6 “(A) have appropriate and reasonably cur-
7 rent training and experience to effectively carry
8 out the tasks described in section 3062(a); or

9 “(B) will participate in appropriate con-
10 tinuing education programs to satisfy subpara-
11 graph (A).

12 **“SEC. 3062. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
14 award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of hiring
15 retired personnel from law enforcement agencies to—

16 “(1) train civilian employees of the eligible enti-
17 ty on civilian law enforcement tasks that can be per-
18 formed on behalf of a law enforcement agency; and

19 “(2) perform civilian law enforcement tasks on
20 behalf of the eligible entity.

21 “(b) DISCIPLINARY RECORDS.—An eligible entity re-
22 ceiving a grant under subsection (a) shall make a good
23 faith effort to determine whether a retired law enforce-
24 ment officer seeking to be hired by the eligible entity using

1 amounts from a grant under this part has a disciplinary
2 record or an internal investigation record by—

3 “(1) conducting a search of the National Decer-
4 tification Index and, if applicable, the National Law
5 Enforcement Accountability Database of the Depart-
6 ment of Justice; or

7 “(2) requesting the personnel record of the re-
8 tired law enforcement officer from each law enforce-
9 ment agency that employed the retired law enforce-
10 ment officer.

11 **“SEC. 3063. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under this part
13 shall be subject to the accountability requirements of this
14 section.

15 “(b) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—

16 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
17 ‘unresolved audit finding’ means a finding in a final
18 audit report of the Inspector General of the Depart-
19 ment of Justice that an audited grantee has used
20 grant funds for an unauthorized expenditure or oth-
21 erwise unallowable cost that is not closed or resolved
22 within 12 months from the date when the final audit
23 report is issued.

24 “(2) AUDITS.—Beginning in the first fiscal
25 year beginning after the date of enactment of the

1 Retired Law Enforcement Officers Continuing Serv-
2 ice Act, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the In-
3 spector General of the Department of Justice shall
4 conduct audits of recipients of grants under this
5 part to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds by
6 grantees. The Inspector General of the Department
7 of Justice shall determine the appropriate number of
8 grantees to be audited each year.

9 “(3) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A recipient of
10 grant funds under this part that is found to have an
11 unresolved audit finding shall not be eligible to re-
12 ceive grant funds under this part during the first 2
13 fiscal years beginning after the end of the 12-month
14 period described in paragraph (1).

15 “(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
16 part, the Attorney General shall give priority to eli-
17 gible entities that did not have an unresolved audit
18 finding during the 3 fiscal years before submitting
19 an application for a grant under this part.

20 “(c) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Beginning in the fis-
21 cal year during which audits commence under subsection
22 (b)(2), the Attorney General shall submit to the Com-
23 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Appropria-
24 tions of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary

1 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
2 Representatives an annual certification—

3 “(1) indicating whether—

4 “(A) all audits issued by the Office of the
5 Inspector General of the Department of Justice
6 under subsection (b) have been completed and
7 reviewed by the appropriate Assistant Attorney
8 General or Director; and

9 “(B) all mandatory exclusions required
10 under subsection (b)(3) have been issued; and

11 “(2) that includes a list of any grant recipients
12 excluded under subsection (b)(3) from the previous
13 year.

14 “(d) PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE GRANTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before the Attorney Gen-
16 eral awards a grant to an eligible entity under this
17 part, the Attorney General shall compare potential
18 grant awards with other grants awarded by the At-
19 torney General to determine if grant awards are or
20 have been awarded for a similar purpose.

21 “(2) REPORT.—If the Attorney General awards
22 grants to the same applicant for a similar purpose,
23 the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
24 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee

1 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a
2 report that includes—

3 “(A) a list of all such grants awarded, in-
4 cluding the total dollar amount of any such
5 grants awarded; and

6 “(B) the reason the Attorney General
7 awarded multiple grants to the same applicant
8 for a similar purpose.”.

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