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To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. KELLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “COPS Improvements
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. COPS GRANT IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1701 of the Omnibus
8 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
9 3796dd) is amended—

1 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney Gen-
4 eral shall carry out grant programs under which the Attor-
5 ney General makes grants to States, units of local govern-
6 ment, Indian tribal governments, other public and private
7 entities, multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia, and in-
8 dividuals for the purposes described in subsections (b), (c),
9 (d), and (e).”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) by striking the subsection heading text
12 and inserting “COMMUNITY POLICING AND
13 CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS”;

14 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “, to in-
15 crease the number of officers deployed in com-
16 munity-oriented policing”;

17 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “to pay
18 for offices” and inserting “to pay for or train
19 officers”;

20 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
21 following:

22 “(5) award grants to hire school resource offi-
23 cers and to establish school-based partnerships be-
24 tween local law enforcement agencies and local
25 school systems to combat crime, gangs, drug activi-

1 ties, and other problems in and around elementary
2 and secondary schools;”;

3 (E) by striking paragraph (9);

4 (F) by redesignating paragraphs (10)
5 through (12) as paragraphs (9) through (11),
6 respectively;

7 (G) by striking paragraph (13);

8 (H) by redesignating paragraphs (14)
9 through (17) as paragraphs (12) through (15),
10 respectively;

11 (I) in paragraph (14), as so redesignated,
12 by striking “and” at the end;

13 (J) in paragraph (15), as so redesignated,
14 by striking the period at the end and inserting
15 a semicolon; and

16 (K) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(16) award grants to pay for officers hired to
18 perform intelligence, anti-terror, or homeland secu-
19 rity duties;

20 “(17) establish and implement innovative pro-
21 grams to reduce and prevent illegal drug manufac-
22 turing, distribution, and use, including the manufac-
23 turing, distribution, and use of methamphetamine;
24 and

1 “(18) award enhancing community policing and
2 crime prevention grants that meet emerging law en-
3 forcement needs, as warranted.”;

4 (3) by striking subsection (c);

5 (4) by striking subsections (h) and (i);

6 (5) by redesignating subsections (d) through (g)
7 as subsections (f) through (i), respectively;

8 (6) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(c) TROOPS-TO-COPS PROGRAMS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants made under sub-
12 section (a) may be used to hire former members of
13 the Armed Forces to serve as career law enforce-
14 ment officers for deployment in community-oriented
15 policing, particularly in communities that are ad-
16 versely affected by a recent military base closing.

17 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, ‘former
18 member of the Armed Forces’ means a member of
19 the Armed Forces of the United States who is invol-
20 untarily separated from the Armed Forces within
21 the meaning of section 1141 of title 10, United
22 States Code.

23 “(d) COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS PROGRAM.—The
24 Attorney General may make grants under subsection (a)

1 to pay for additional community prosecuting programs, in-
2 cluding programs that assign prosecutors to—

3 “(1) handle cases from specific geographic
4 areas; and

5 “(2) address counter-terrorism problems, spe-
6 cific violent crime problems (including intensive ille-
7 gal gang, gun, and drug enforcement and quality of
8 life initiatives), and localized violent and other crime
9 problems based on needs identified by local law en-
10 forcement agencies, community organizations, and
11 others.

12 “(e) TECHNOLOGY GRANTS.—The Attorney General
13 may make grants under subsection (a) to develop and use
14 new technologies (including interoperable communications
15 technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and
16 forensic technology) to assist State and local law enforce-
17 ment agencies in reorienting the emphasis of their activi-
18 ties from reacting to crime to preventing crime and to
19 train law enforcement officers to use such technologies.”;

20 (7) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to
22 States, units of local government, Indian tribal
23 governments, and to other public and private
24 entities,”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “define
2 for State and local governments, and other pub-
3 lic and private entities,” and inserting “estab-
4 lish”;

5 (C) in the first sentence of paragraph (3),
6 by inserting “(including regional community po-
7 licing institutes)” after “training centers or fa-
8 cilities”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) EXCLUSIVITY.—The Office of Community
11 Oriented Policing Services shall be the exclusive
12 component of the Department of Justice to perform
13 the functions and activities specified in this para-
14 graph.”;

15 (8) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by
16 striking “may utilize any component”, and all that
17 follows and inserting “shall use the Office of Com-
18 munity Oriented Policing Services of the Depart-
19 ment of Justice in carrying out this part.”;

20 (9) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

21 (A) by striking “subsection (a)” the first
22 place that term appears and inserting “para-
23 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)”;

24 (B) by striking “in each fiscal year pursu-
25 ant to subsection (a)” and inserting “in each

1 fiscal year for purposes described in paragraph
2 (1) and (2) of subsection (b)”;

3 (10) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by
4 striking the second sentence and inserting “The pre-
5 ceding sentence shall not apply with respect to any
6 program, project, or activity provided by a grant
7 made pursuant to subsection (a) for the purposes
8 described in subsection (b)(16).”; and

9 (11) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(j) RETENTION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICER POSI-
11 TIONS.—For any grant under paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
12 section (b) for hiring or rehiring career law enforcement
13 officers, a grant recipient shall retain each additional law
14 enforcement officer position created under that grant for
15 not less than 12 months after the end of the period of
16 that grant, unless the Attorney General waives, wholly or
17 in part, the retention requirement of a program, project,
18 or activity.”.

19 (b) APPLICATIONS.—Section 1702 of the Omnibus
20 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
21 3796dd–1) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
24 by inserting “, unless waived by the Attorney
25 General” after “under this part shall”;

1 (B) by striking paragraph (8); and

2 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (9)
3 through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (10),
4 respectively; and

5 (2) by striking subsection (d).

6 (c) RENEWAL OF GRANTS.—Section 1703 of the Om-
7 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
8 U.S.C. 3796dd–2) is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 1703. RENEWAL OF GRANTS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A grant made under this part
11 may be renewed, without limitations on the duration of
12 such renewal, to provide additional funds, if the Attorney
13 General determines that the funds made available to the
14 recipient were used in a manner required under an ap-
15 proved application and if the recipient can demonstrate
16 significant progress in achieving the objectives of the ini-
17 tial application.

18 “(b) NO COST EXTENSIONS.—Notwithstanding sub-
19 section (a), the Attorney General may extend a grant pe-
20 riod, without limitations as to the duration of such exten-
21 sion, to provide additional time to complete the objectives
22 of the initial grant award.”.

23 (d) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Section 1704
24 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
25 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd–3) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “that would, in the absence
3 of Federal funds received under this part, be
4 made available from State or local sources” and
5 inserting “that the Attorney General determines
6 would, in the absence of Federal funds received
7 under this part, be made available for the pur-
8 pose of the grant under this part from State or
9 local sources”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 sentence: “The preceding sentence shall not
12 apply with respect to funds made available
13 under this part by a grant made pursuant to
14 subsection (a) for the purposes described in
15 subsection (b)(16).”; and

16 (2) by striking subsection (c).

17 (e) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—Section 1706 of the
18 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
19 U.S.C. 3796dd–5) is amended—

20 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**REV-**
21 **OCATION OR SUSPENSION OF FUNDING**” and in-
22 sserting “**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**”; and

23 (2) by striking “revoke or suspend” and all that
24 follows and inserting “take any enforcement action
25 available to the Department of Justice.”.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1709(1) of the Omnibus
2 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
3 3796dd–8(1)) is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “who is a sworn law enforce-
5 ment officer” after “permanent basis”; and

6 (2) by inserting “, including officers for the
7 Amtrak Police Department” before the period at the
8 end.

9 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
10 1001(a)(11) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
11 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793(a)(11)) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking
14 “1,047,119,000 for each of fiscal years 2006
15 through 2009” and inserting “1,150,000,000 for
16 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013”; and

17 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “3
19 percent may be used for technical assistance
20 under section 1701(d)” and inserting “5 per-
21 cent may be used for technical assistance under
22 section 1701(f)”; and

23 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-
24 serting the following: “Of the funds available
25 for grants under part Q, not less than

1 \$600,000,000 shall be used for grants for the
2 purposes specified in section 1701(b), not more
3 than \$200,000,000 shall be used for grants
4 under section 1701(d), and not more than
5 \$350,000,000 shall be used for grants under
6 section 1701(e).”.

7 (h) PURPOSES.—Section 10002 of the Public Safety
8 Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994 (42
9 U.S.C. 3796dd note) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “development”
11 and inserting “use”; and

12 (2) in the matter following paragraph (4), by
13 striking “for a period of 6 years”.

14 (i) COPS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 109(b) of the Omni-
16 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
17 U.S.C. 3712h(b)) is amended—

18 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

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

21 (C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
22 by inserting “, except for the program under
23 part Q of this title” before the period.

24 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPUTER SYS-
25 TEMS.—Section 107 of the Omnibus Crime Control

1 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3712f) is
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(c) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to any
4 grant made under part Q of this title.”.

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