

114TH CONGRESS
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S. 125

To amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 8, 2015

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CORNYN) 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 TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bulletproof Vest Part-
5 nership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**
 2 **TIONS FOR BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNER-**
 3 **SHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1001(a)(23) of title I of the Omnibus Crime
 5 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
 6 3793(a)(23)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(23) There is authorized to be appropriated to carry
 8 out part Y, \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016
 9 through 2020.”.

10 **SEC. 3. EXPIRATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.**

11 Section 2501 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 12 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll) is amend-
 13 ed by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h) EXPIRATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

15 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 16 ‘appropriated funds’ means any amounts that are
 17 appropriated for any of fiscal years 2016 through
 18 2020 to carry out this part.

19 “(2) EXPIRATION.—All appropriated funds that
 20 are not obligated on or before December 31, 2022
 21 shall be transferred to the General Fund of the
 22 Treasury not later than January 31, 2023.”.

23 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON 2-YEAR LIMITATION ON**
 24 **FUNDS.**

25 It is the sense of Congress that amounts made avail-
 26 able to carry out part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime

1 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll
 2 et seq.) should be made available through the end of the
 3 first fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the
 4 amounts are appropriated and should not be made avail-
 5 able until expended.

6 **SEC. 5. MATCHING FUNDS LIMITATION.**

7 Section 2501(f) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
 8 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll(f))
 9 is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 11 graph (4); and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
 13 lowing:

14 “(3) LIMITATION ON MATCHING FUNDS.—A
 15 State, unit of local government, or Indian tribe may
 16 not use funding received under any other Federal
 17 grant program to pay or defer the cost, in whole or
 18 in part, of the matching requirement under para-
 19 graph (1).”.

1 **SEC. 6. APPLICATION OF BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNER-**
 2 **SHIP GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS TO**
 3 **ANY ARMOR VEST OR BODY ARMOR PUR-**
 4 **CHASED WITH FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.**

5 Section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3766a) is amend-
 7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
 9 a grantee that uses funds made available under this part
 10 to purchase an armor vest or body armor shall—

11 “(A) comply with any requirements established
 12 for the use of grants made under part Y;

13 “(B) have a written policy requiring uniformed
 14 patrol officers to wear an armor vest or body armor;
 15 and

16 “(C) use the funds to purchase armor vests or
 17 body armor that meet any performance standards
 18 established by the Director of the Bureau of Justice
 19 Assistance.

20 “(2) In this subsection, the terms ‘armor vest’ and
 21 ‘body armor’ have the meanings given such terms in sec-
 22 tion 2503.”.

23 **SEC. 7. UNIQUELY FITTED ARMOR VESTS.**

24 Section 2501(c) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
 25 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll(c))
 26 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “; or” and in-
4 serting “; and”;

5 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
6 graph (5); and

7 (4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(4) provides armor vests to law enforcement
10 officers that are uniquely fitted for such officers, in-
11 cluding vests uniquely fitted to individual female law
12 enforcement officers; or”.

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