S. 2246

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2021

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

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

SEC. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FUNDING PROGRAM.

Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“PART PP—HIRING ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

“SEC. 3061. GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) In General.—The Attorney General may award grants to State and local law enforcement agencies to provide additional funding to support the hiring and retention of law enforcement personnel and augment wages paid to law enforcement personnel.

“(b) Limitation on Eligibility.—

“(1) In General.—A state or local law enforcement agency shall not be eligible for a grant under this part unless the agency certifies that the agency will hire additional law enforcement personnel to increase the number of law enforcement personnel by 12.5 percent during the 1-year period after receipt of the grant.

“(2) Failure to Comply with Certification.—In the case of a State or local law enforcement agency that receives a grant under this part, and fails to achieve a not less than 12.5 percent increase in law enforcement personnel by the end of the 1-year period described in paragraph (1), the State or local law enforcement agency may not be eligible for additional grant awards under this part.
“SEC. 3062. USE OF FUNDS.

“A State or local law enforcement agency that receives a grant under this part shall use the grant to hire or retain law enforcement personnel.

“SEC. 3063. APPLICATION.

“A State or local law enforcement agency seeking a grant under this part shall submit to the Attorney General an application at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the Attorney General may reasonably require, including—

“(1) the number of law enforcement personnel employed by the agency at the time of the grant application;

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

“(3) a description of how the agency plans to recruit, hire, and fund the salaries of the law enforcement personnel hired under paragraph (2);

“(4) a written certification that the agency shall report to the Attorney General on the date that is 1 year after the date on which the agency receives a grant under this part the number of law enforcement personnel hired during such 1-year period; and
“(5) a written certification that the agency shall provide to the Attorney General and the Comptroller General of the United States, upon request, access to any records relating to the receipt and use of a grant under this part.

“SEC. 3064. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General $5,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 to carry out this part.”.