

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8179

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for police dog programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2026

Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. EZELL, and Mr. MCCORMICK) 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 “Federal Enhancement
5 for Tactical Canine Help Act of 2026” or the “FETCH
6 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF BYRNE GRANTS FOR K9 UNITS.**

2 Section 501(a)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and
3 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152(a)(1)) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(J) Police dog programs, including the
6 following:

7 “(i) Acquiring police dogs.

8 “(ii) Training directly related to law
9 enforcement duties involving police dogs,
10 including on-duty general obedience train-
11 ing, and conditioning for the detection of
12 narcotics, contraband, and explosives.

13 “(iii) Medications and dietary supple-
14 ments for the wellness or service readiness
15 of police dogs.

16 “(iv) Veterinary care for police dogs,
17 including emergency services.

18 “(v) Insurance for veterinary, injury,
19 death, replacement costs, or liability cov-
20 erage related to police dogs.

21 “(vi) Dog food, including accommoda-
22 tions for special diets directly related to
23 the service readiness or overall health of
24 police dogs.

25 “(vii) Costs for equipment and sup-
26 plies, including protective vests, identifica-

1 tion collars, and first aid kits for police
2 dogs.

3 “(viii) Costs related to housing needs
4 for police dogs, including the creation or
5 maintenance of kennels inside of a physical
6 police department facility, or home-care
7 stipends for law enforcement officers who
8 care for police dogs at their home.

9 “(ix) Other costs related to routine
10 care for police dogs.

11 “(x) Costs associated with police dogs
12 after the dogs retire from service, including
13 coverage for service-related injuries and
14 chronic conditions, final veterinary care,
15 formal adoption by the handling officer
16 after the dog concludes its service, and the
17 retrieval and delivery of administrative
18 documents and certificates.”.

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