## H. R. 4446

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reduce certain funds if eligible States do not enact certain laws.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 6, 1998

Mr. Bliley (for himself, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Burr of North Carolina, Mr. Collins, Mr. Royce, Mr. English of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Herger, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Klug, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Hayworth, Mr. Upton, Mr. Largent, Mr. Deal of Georgia, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Pickett, Mr. Franks of New Jersey, Mr. LaTourette, Mr. Davis of Virginia, Mr. Goode, Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Fossella, and Mr. Barton of Texas) 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 "Crime Does Not Pay
- 5 Act of 1998".

## 1 SEC. 2. GRANT REDUCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

(a) Grant Reduction for Noncompliance.—Sec-
tion 506 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
Streets Act of 1968 is amended by adding at the end the
following:
"(g) Prevention of Recovery for Injuries In-
CURRED IN COMMISSION OF FELONIES.—
"(1) In general.—The funds available under
this subpart for a State shall be reduced by 5 per-
cent and redistributed under paragraph (2) unless,
on the first day of each fiscal year succeeding the
first fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1999,
the State has in effect throughout the State a law
which prohibits any individual who has been con-
victed of a felony from recovering, in any civil action
under the law or such State, any compensatory, ac-
tual, or general damages for any physical or mental
injury, harm, or suffering to such individual that
was caused in the commission of the felony.
"(2) Redistribution.—Any funds available
for redistribution shall be redistributed, in accord-
ance with subsection (a), to participating States that
have in effect a law referred to in paragraph (1).
"(3) Compliance.—The Attorney General
shall issue regulations to ensure compliance with the

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requirements of paragraph (1).

- 1 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 506(a) of
- 2 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
- 3 of 1968 is amended by striking "subsection (f)," and in-

4 serting "subsections (f) and (g),".

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