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H. R. 2564

To provide funds to the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. FROST, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. HERGER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. COOK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KIND, and Mr. LATOURETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide funds to the National Center for Rural Law
Enforcement.

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 “Rural Law Enforce-
5 ment Assistance Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL LAW**
2 **ENFORCEMENT.**

3 (a) FUNDING AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General
4 shall provide funds, subject to appropriations, to the Na-
5 tional Center for Rural Law Enforcement if the Executive
6 Director of the Center certifies, in writing, to the Attorney
7 General that the Center—

8 (1) is incorporated in accordance with applica-
9 ble State laws;

10 (2) is in compliance with the by-laws of the
11 Center;

12 (3) shall use amounts made available under this
13 section in accordance with subsection (b); and

14 (4) shall not support any political party or can-
15 didate for elected or appointed office.

16 (b) USES OF FUNDS.—

17 (1) REQUIRED USES OF FUNDS.—The Center
18 shall use funds made available under this section to
19 develop an educational program for employees of law
20 enforcement agencies serving rural areas which shall
21 include—

22 (A) the development and delivery of man-
23 agement education and training, technical as-
24 sistance, practical research and evaluation, and
25 computer and forensic education and training
26 for employees of law enforcement agencies serv-

1 ing rural areas, tribal law enforcement employ-
2 ees and railroad law enforcement employees, in-
3 cluding supervisory and executive managers of
4 those agencies;

5 (B) conducting research into the causes
6 and prevention of criminal activity in rural
7 areas, including the causes, assessment, evalua-
8 tion, analysis, and prevention of criminal activ-
9 ity;

10 (C) the development and dissemination of
11 information designed to assist States and units
12 of local government in rural areas throughout
13 the United States;

14 (D) the establishment and maintenance of
15 a resource and information center for the collec-
16 tion, preparation, and dissemination of informa-
17 tion regarding criminal justice and law enforce-
18 ment in rural areas, including programs for the
19 prevention of crime and recidivism; and

20 (E) the delivery of assistance, in a con-
21 sulting capacity, to criminal justice agencies in
22 the development, establishment, maintenance,
23 and coordination of programs, facilities and
24 services, training, and research relating to
25 crime in rural areas.

1 (2) PERMISSIVE USES OF FUNDS.—The Center
2 may use funds made available under this section to
3 enhance the educational program developed under
4 paragraph (1), through—

5 (A) educational opportunities for rural law
6 enforcement agencies;

7 (B) the development, promotion, and vol-
8 untary adoption of educational and training
9 standards and accreditation certification pro-
10 grams for law enforcement agencies serving
11 rural areas and the employees of those agencies;

12 (C) grants to, and contracts with, State,
13 and local governments, law enforcement agen-
14 cies, public and private agencies, educational in-
15 stitutions, and other organizations and individ-
16 uals to carry out this paragraph;

17 (D) the formulation and recommendation
18 of law enforcement policy, goals, and standards
19 in rural areas applicable to criminal justice
20 agencies, organizations, institutions, and per-
21 sonnel; and

22 (E) coordination with institutions of higher
23 education for the purpose of encouraging pro-
24 grams of study for law enforcement in rural
25 areas at such institutions.

1 (c) POWERS.—In carrying out subsection (b), the Ex-
2 ecutive Director may—

3 (1) request the head of any Federal department
4 or agency to detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of
5 the personnel of that department or agency to the
6 Center to assist it in carrying out its duties under
7 this Act;

8 (2) request the Administrator of the General
9 Services Administration to provide the Center, on a
10 reimbursable basis, the administrative support serv-
11 ices necessary for the Center to carry out its respon-
12 sibilities under this Act; and

13 (3) procure temporary and intermittent services
14 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code,
15 at rates of compensation established by the Board,
16 but not to exceed the daily equivalent of the max-
17 imum rate of pay payable for a position at level IV
18 of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title
19 5, United States Code.

20 (d) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—For purposes of official
21 travel, expenses shall be reimbursed, including per diem
22 in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as such ex-
23 penses are permitted under sections 5702 and 5703 of
24 title 5, United States Code.

1 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Center shall
2 submit an annual report to the Attorney General that
3 includes—

4 (1) a description of the education and training
5 program conducted by the Center;

6 (2) the number and demographic representation
7 of individuals who attended programs sponsored by
8 the Center;

9 (3) a description of the extent resources of
10 other governmental agencies or private entities were
11 used; and

12 (5) a description of the extent contracts with
13 other public and private resources were used.

14 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act:

15 (1) The term “Board” means the members of
16 the Board of the Center as elected according to its
17 bylaws.

18 (2) The term “Center” means the National
19 Center for Rural Law Enforcement, a nonprofit cor-
20 poration located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

21 (3) The term “Executive Director” means the
22 Executive Director of the Center as appointed ac-
23 cording to the bylaws of the Center.

1 (4) The term “metropolitan statistical area”
2 has the same meaning given such term by the Bu-
3 reau of the Census.

4 (5) The term “rural law enforcement agency”
5 means a law enforcement agency that serves a city,
6 town, township, borough, or village outside a metro-
7 politan statistical area.

8 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
10 section—

11 (1) \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 2000; and

12 (2) such sums as may be necessary for each of
13 fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

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