

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2943

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2003

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon 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 “First Responders En-
5 hancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS AND IN-**
2 **CREASE IN MAXIMUM GRANT FOR HIRING**
3 **COSTS.**

4 (a) **WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS.**—Subsections (e)
5 and (i) of section 1701 of part Q of title I of the Omnibus
6 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
7 3796dd) shall not apply to a covered COPS grant.

8 (b) **INCREASE IN MAXIMUM GRANT FOR HIRING**
9 **COSTS.**—Subsection (c) of section 1704 of such part (42
10 U.S.C. 3796dd–3) shall not apply to a covered COPS
11 grant. Funding provided under a covered COPS grant for
12 hiring or rehiring a career law enforcement officer may
13 not exceed \$150,000, unless the Attorney General grants
14 a waiver from this limitation.

15 (c) **WAIVER OF RETENTION REQUIREMENT.**—Para-
16 graph (8) of section 1702(c) of such part (42 U.S.C.
17 3796dd–1) shall not apply to a covered COPS grant. The
18 Attorney General shall award covered COPS grants with-
19 out regard to whether the applicant has any plans de-
20 scribed in that paragraph.

21 (d) **COVERED COPS GRANT.**—In this section, the
22 term “covered COPS grant” means a grant under part
23 Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
24 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd et seq.) that is awarded

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1 in fiscal year 2004 or 2005, regardless of the period for
2 which the grant is made.

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