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H. R. 2466

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent gang crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Violent Crime Reduc-
5 tion Act of 2007”.

1 **TITLE I—VIOLENT CRIME AND**
2 **ANTI-GANG VIOLENCE REFORMS**

3 **SEC. 101. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR VIOLENT CRIMES IN**
4 **AID OF RACKETEERING ACTIVITY.**

5 (a) OFFENSE.—Section 1959(a) of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(a) Whoever commits, or conspires, threatens, or at-
8 tempts to commit, a crime of violence for the purpose of
9 furthering the activities of an enterprise engaged in rack-
10 eteering activity, or for the purpose of gaining entrance
11 to or maintaining or increasing position in, such an enter-
12 prise, shall, unless the death penalty is otherwise imposed,
13 in addition and consecutive to the punishment provided
14 for any other violation of this chapter and in addition to
15 being subject to a fine under this title—

16 “(1) if the crime of violence results in the death
17 of any person, be sentenced to death or life in pris-
18 on;

19 “(2) if the crime of violence is kidnapping, ag-
20 gravated sexual abuse (as defined in section 521),
21 maiming, or any assault resulting in serious bodily
22 injury be imprisoned for life or any term of years
23 not less than 20; and

24 “(3) in any other case, be imprisoned for life or
25 for any term of years not less than 10.”.

1 (b) VENUE.—Section 1959 of title 18, United States
2 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(c) A prosecution for a violation of this section may
4 be brought in—

5 “(1) the judicial district in which the crime of
6 violence occurred; or

7 “(2) any judicial district in which racketeering
8 activity of the enterprise occurred.”.

9 **SEC. 102. MURDER AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES COM-**
10 **MITTED DURING AND IN RELATION TO A**
11 **DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of the Controlled Sub-
13 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 841 et seq.) is amended by adding
14 at the end the following:

15 “MURDER AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED
16 DURING AND IN RELATION TO A DRUG TRAFFICKING
17 CRIME

18 “SEC. 424. (a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever commits, or
19 conspires, or attempts to commit, a crime of violence dur-
20 ing and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, shall, un-
21 less the death penalty is otherwise imposed, in addition
22 and consecutive to the punishment provided for the drug
23 trafficking crime and in addition to being subject to a fine
24 under this title—

1 “(1) if the crime of violence results in the death
2 of any person, be sentenced to death or life in pris-
3 on;

4 “(2) if the crime of violence is kidnapping, ag-
5 gravated sexual abuse (as defined in section 521),
6 maiming, or any assault resulting in serious bodily
7 injury be imprisoned for life or any term of years
8 not less than 20; and

9 “(3) in any other case, be imprisoned for life or
10 for any term of years not less than 10.

11 “(b) VENUE.—A prosecution for a violation of this
12 section may be brought in—

13 “(1) the judicial district in which the murder or
14 other crime of violence occurred; or

15 “(2) any judicial district in which the drug traf-
16 ficking crime may be prosecuted.

17 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

18 “(1) the term ‘crime of violence’ has the mean-
19 ing given that term in section 16 of title 18, United
20 States Code; and

21 “(2) the term ‘drug trafficking crime’ has the
22 meaning given that term in section 924(c)(2) of title
23 18, United States Code.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
25 for the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Con-

1 trol Act of 1970 is amended by inserting after the item
2 relating to section 423, the following:

“Sec. 424. Murder and other violent crimes committed during and in relation
to a drug trafficking crime.”.

3 **SEC. 103. INCREASE IN ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR USING**
4 **OR CARRYING A FIREARM DURING AND IN**
5 **RELATION TO A CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR**
6 **DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME.**

7 Section 924(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (A) in clause (i), by striking “5” and in-
11 sserting “7”;

12 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “7” and in-
13 sserting “10”; and

14 (C) in clause (i), by striking “10” and in-
15 sserting “12”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “10”
17 and inserting “15”.

18 **SEC. 104. EXEMPTION FOR OFF DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT**
19 **OFFICERS UNDER THE GUN-FREE SCHOOL**
20 **ZONES ACT.**

21 Section 922(q)(2)(B)(vi) of title 18, United States
22 Code, is amended by inserting “or while off-duty” before
23 the semicolon.

1 **TITLE** **II—MULTI-JURISDIC-**
2 **TIONAL** **ANTI-GANG** **TASK**
3 **FORCES**

4 **SEC. 201. ASSISTANCE FOR MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ANTI-**
5 **GANG TASK FORCES.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney general, in con-
7 sultation with appropriate State and local officials, shall—

8 (1) establish anti-gang task forces, consisting of
9 Federal, State, and local law enforcement authori-
10 ties, for the coordinated investigation, disruption,
11 apprehension, and prosecution of criminal gangs and
12 offenders;

13 (2) direct the reassignment or detailing from
14 any Federal department or agency (subject to the
15 approval of the head of that department or agency,
16 in the case of a department or agency other than the
17 Department of Justice) of personnel to each task
18 force;

19 (3) provide all necessary funding for the oper-
20 ation of the task force; and

21 (4) provide all necessary funding for national
22 and regional meetings of task forces, and all other
23 related organizations, as needed, to ensure effective
24 operation of such teams through the sharing of intel-

1 ligence, best practices and for any other related pur-
2 pose.

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The task forces shall consist of
4 agents and officers, where feasible, from—

5 (1) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

6 (2) the Drug Enforcement Administration;

7 (3) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,
8 and Explosives;

9 (4) the United States Marshals Service;

10 (5) the Directorate of Border and Transpor-
11 tation Security of the Department of Homeland Se-
12 curity;

13 (6) the Department of Housing and Urban De-
14 velopment;

15 (7) State and local law enforcement; and

16 (8) Federal, State, and local prosecutors.

17 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each
19 of the fiscal years 2008 through 2011 to carry out this
20 section.

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