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# S. 1448

To extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2007

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Equity in Law En-  
5       forcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

2 Section 1204(8) of part L of the Omnibus Crime  
3 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
4 3796b(8)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at  
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period  
8 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(D) an individual who is—

11 “(i) serving a private institution of  
12 higher education in an official capacity,  
13 with or without compensation, as a law en-  
14 forcement officer; and

15 “(ii) sworn, licensed, or certified  
16 under the laws of a State for the purposes  
17 of law enforcement (and trained to meet  
18 the training standards for law enforcement  
19 officers established by the relevant govern-  
20 mental appointing authority); or

21 “(E) a rail police officer who is—

22 “(i) employed by a rail carrier; and

23 “(ii) sworn, licensed, or certified  
24 under the laws of a State for the purposes  
25 of law enforcement (and trained to meet  
26 the training standards for law enforcement

1                   officers established by the relevant govern-  
 2                   mental appointing authority).”.

3 **SEC. 3. LAW ENFORCEMENT ARMOR VESTS.**

4           (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 2501 of part Y of the  
 5 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42  
 6 U.S.C. 3796ll) is amended—

7                   (1) in subsection (a)—

8                           (A) by striking “and Indian tribes” and in-  
 9                           serting “Indian tribes, private institutions of  
 10                           higher education, and rail carriers”; and

11                           (B) by inserting before the period the fol-  
 12                           lowing: “and law enforcement officers serving  
 13                           private institutions of higher education and rail  
 14                           carriers who are sworn, licensed, or certified  
 15                           under the laws of a State for the purposes of  
 16                           law enforcement (and trained to meet the train-  
 17                           ing standards for law enforcement officers es-  
 18                           tablished by the relevant governmental appoint-  
 19                           ing authority)”;

20                   (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “or Indian  
 21                   tribe” and inserting “Indian tribe, private institution  
 22                   of higher education, or rail carrier”; and

23                   (3) in subsection (e), by striking “or Indian  
 24                   tribe” and inserting “Indian tribe, private institution  
 25                   of higher education, or rail carrier”.

1 (b) APPLICATIONS.—Section 2502 of part Y of the  
 2 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42  
 3 U.S.C. 3796ll–1) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “or Indian  
 5 tribe” and inserting “Indian tribe, private institution  
 6 of higher education, or rail carrier”; and

7 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “and Indian  
 8 tribes” and inserting “Indian tribes, private institu-  
 9 tions of higher education, and rail carriers”.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2503(6) of part Y of the  
 11 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42  
 12 U.S.C. 3796ll–2(6)) is amended by striking “or Indian  
 13 tribe” and inserting “Indian tribe, private institution of  
 14 higher education, or rail carrier”.

15 **SEC. 4. BYRNE GRANTS.**

16 Section 501(b)(2) of part E of title I of the Omnibus  
 17 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
 18 3751(b)(2)) is amended by inserting after “units of local  
 19 government” the following: “, private institutions of high-  
 20 er education, and rail carriers”.

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