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# H. R. 3436

To authorize a Law Enforcement Education Grant program to encourage students to pursue a career in law enforcement.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2025

Mrs. FISCHBACH (for herself, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. BACON, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## A BILL

To authorize a Law Enforcement Education Grant program to encourage students to pursue a career in 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 “Law Enforcement  
5 Education Grant Program Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of  
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) is amended by inserting  
9 at the end of subpart 7 the following new subpart:

1     **“Subpart 8—Law Enforcement Education Grants**

2     **“SEC. 420. LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION GRANT PRO-**  
3             **GRAM ESTABLISHED.**

4             “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

5                 “(1) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—The Secretary is  
6             authorized to carry out a Law Enforcement Edu-  
7             cation Grants program to pay to each law enforce-  
8             ment candidate who is selected by the Secretary, on  
9             a competitive basis, to participate in such program,  
10            a Law Enforcement Education Grant in the amount  
11            of \$4,000 for each year during which that candidate  
12            is eligible.

13                 “(2) REFERENCES.—Grants made under para-  
14             graph (1) shall be known as ‘Law Enforcement Edu-  
15             cation Grants’.

16                 “(3) FUNDING.—Of the amounts otherwise au-  
17             thorized to be appropriated to carry out this title,  
18             such sums as may be necessary are authorized to be  
19             made available to carry out this subpart, except  
20             that—

21                         “(A) none of the sums made available to  
22             carry out this subpart may be derived from  
23             amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry  
24             out the Federal Pell Grants program under sec-  
25             tion 401 or the Federal Direct Loan Program  
26             under part D; and

1           “(B) to the extent that insufficient  
2           amounts are made available in any fiscal year  
3           to carry out all programs authorized under this  
4           title, the Secretary shall give priority to fully  
5           funding the program under this subpart.

6           “(b) DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCE-  
7           MENT CANDIDATES.—Payments under this subpart shall  
8           be made, in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
9           the Secretary for such purpose, in such manner as will  
10          best accomplish the purposes of this subpart.

11          “(c) REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT.—

12           “(1) PART-TIME STUDENTS.—In any case  
13           where a law enforcement candidate attends an eligi-  
14           ble institution on less than a full-time basis (includ-  
15           ing a law enforcement candidate who attends an eli-  
16           gible institution on less than a half-time basis) dur-  
17           ing any year, the amount of a grant under this sub-  
18           part for which that law enforcement candidate is eli-  
19           gible shall be reduced in proportion to the degree to  
20           which that law enforcement candidate is not attend-  
21           ing on a full-time basis, in accordance with a sched-  
22           ule of reductions established by the Secretary for the  
23           purposes of this subpart, computed in accordance  
24           with this subpart. Such schedule of reductions shall  
25           be established by regulation and published in the

1 Federal Register in accordance with section 482 of  
2 this Act.

3 “(2) NO EXCEEDING COST.—The amount of a  
4 grant awarded under this subpart, in combination  
5 with Federal student assistance and other student  
6 assistance the law enforcement candidate may re-  
7 ceive, shall not exceed the cost of attendance (as de-  
8 fined in section 472) at the eligible institution at  
9 which that law enforcement candidate is in attend-  
10 ance.

11 “(d) PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The period during which a  
13 student may receive grants under this subpart shall  
14 be the period required for the completion of the first  
15 associate or baccalaureate course of study related to  
16 law enforcement or criminal justice being pursued by  
17 the law enforcement candidate at the eligible institu-  
18 tion at which the law enforcement candidate is in at-  
19 tendance, except that—

20 “(A) any period during which the law en-  
21 forcement candidate is enrolled in a noncredit  
22 or remedial course of study as described in  
23 paragraph (2) shall not be counted for the pur-  
24 pose of this paragraph; and

1           “(B) the total amount that a law enforce-  
2           ment candidate may receive under this subpart  
3           shall not exceed \$16,000.

4           “(2) REMEDIAL COURSE.—Nothing in this sub-  
5           part shall be construed to exclude from eligibility  
6           courses of study which are noncredit or remedial in  
7           nature (including courses in English language acqui-  
8           sition) which are determined by the eligible institu-  
9           tion to be necessary to help the law enforcement  
10          candidate be prepared for the pursuit of a first asso-  
11          ciate or baccalaureate degree or, in the case of  
12          courses in English language instruction, to be nec-  
13          essary to enable the law enforcement candidate to  
14          utilize already existing knowledge, training, or skills.

15       **“SEC. 421. APPLICATIONS; ELIGIBILITY; SELECTION.**

16          “(a) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall periodi-  
17          cally set dates by which students shall file applications to  
18          complete for grants under this subpart. Each student de-  
19          siring to compete for a grant under this subpart for any  
20          year shall file an application containing such information  
21          and assurances as the Secretary may determine necessary  
22          to enable the Secretary to carry out the functions and re-  
23          sponsibilities of this subpart.

24          “(b) DEMONSTRATION OF GRANT ELIGIBILITY.—  
25          Each application submitted under subsection (a) shall con-

tain such information as is necessary to demonstrate that the applicant is a student who—

“(1) is enrolled at an eligible institution;

“(2) is an eligible student for purposes of section 484;

“(3) is completing coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in law enforcement or criminal justice, or plans to complete such coursework and requirements prior to graduating; and

“(4) has not obtained an associate or baccalaureate degree related to law enforcement or criminal justice before receiving a Law Enforcement Education grant.

“(c) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall award grants under this subpart competitively on the basis of criteria determined by the Secretary by regulation.

**SEC. 422. AGREEMENTS TO SERVE.**

“(a) SERVICE AGREEMENTS.—Each application under section 421(a) shall contain or be accompanied by an agreement by the applicant that—

“(1) if selected to be a law enforcement candidate, the applicant will—

“(A) serve as a full-time law enforcement officer for a total of not less than 4 years with-

1 in 8 years after completing the course of study  
2 for which the candidate received a Law En-  
3 forcement Education Grant under this subpart;  
4 and

5 “(B) submit evidence of such employment  
6 in the form of a certification by the chief officer  
7 of the law enforcement agency or department  
8 employing the candidate upon completion of  
9 each year of such service;

10 “(2) in the event that a law enforcement can-  
11 didate is determined to have failed or refused to  
12 carry out such service obligation, the sum of the  
13 amounts of any Law Enforcement Education Grants  
14 received by such candidate will be treated as a loan  
15 and collected from the candidate in accordance with  
16 subsection (b) and the regulations thereunder; and

17 “(3) contains, or is accompanied by, a plain-  
18 language disclosure form developed by the Secretary  
19 that clearly describes the nature of the Law En-  
20 forcement Education Grant award, the service obli-  
21 gation, and the loan repayment requirements that  
22 are the consequence of the failure to complete the  
23 service obligation.

24 “(b) REPAYMENT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE  
25 SERVICE.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event that law en-  
2           forcement candidate fails or refuses to comply with  
3           the service obligation in the agreement under sub-  
4           section (a), the sum of the amounts of any Law En-  
5           forcement Education Grants received by such can-  
6           didate shall, upon a determination of such a failure  
7           or refusal in such service obligation, be treated as a  
8           Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under  
9           part D of this title, and shall be subject to repay-  
10          ment, together with interest thereon accruing from  
11          the date the grant is converted to such a Loan, in  
12          accordance with terms and conditions specified by  
13          the Secretary in regulations under this subpart.

14          “(2) EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—The  
15          Secretary shall establish, by regulation, categories of  
16          extenuating circumstances under which a law en-  
17          forcement candidate who is unable to fulfill all or  
18          part of the candidate’s service obligation may be ex-  
19          cused from fulfilling that portion of the service obli-  
20          gation. Such categories shall ensure that a law en-  
21          forcement candidate who is hired and serves as a  
22          full-time law enforcement officer but is unable to ful-  
23          fill part of the candidate’s service obligation due to  
24          medical discharge by a law enforcement agency or  
25          department because of a medical issue resulting

1 from service as a law enforcement officer shall be ex-  
2 cused from fulfilling the remaining portion of the  
3 service obligation.

4 **“SEC. 423. DEFINITIONS.**

5 “For the purposes of this subpart:

6 “(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eligi-  
7 ble institution’ means an institution of higher edu-  
8 cation, as defined in section 102, that—

9 “(A) provides an associate or baccalaureate  
10 degree in a field related to law enforcement or  
11 criminal justice; and

12 “(B) has been approved by the Police Offi-  
13 cer Standard and Training Board of the State  
14 in which the institution is located or related  
15 State agency.

16 “(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT CANDIDATE.—The  
17 term ‘law enforcement candidate’ means an indi-  
18 vidual who is selected by the Secretary to receive a  
19 Law Enforcement Education Grant under this sub-  
20 part.

21 “(3) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.—The term  
22 ‘law enforcement officer’ means any officer, agent,  
23 or employee of a State, unit of local government, of  
24 Indian tribe who is authorized to supervise the pre-

