

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5403

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants to recruit and retain law enforcement officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself, Mr. CAREY, Mrs. SYKES, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio) 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 “Enhancing COPS Hir-
5 ing Program Grants for Local Law Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLIC-**
2 **ING GRANTS.**

3 (a) USES OF GRANTS.—Section 1701(b) of the Omni-
4 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
5 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (23), by striking “; and” and
7 inserting the semicolon at the end;

8 (2) in paragraph (24), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

11 “(25) to provide bonuses for the recruitment
12 and retention of law enforcement officers or career
13 law enforcement officers employed by a law enforce-
14 ment agency experiencing a decline in recruitment of
15 officers or a high rate of retirements or resigna-
16 tions.”.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1709 of the Omnibus
18 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
19 10389) is amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(8) ‘law enforcement officer’ shall have the
21 meaning given such term in section 1204(9).”.

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