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S. 3335

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, and for other purposes.

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 “Retired Federal Law
5 Enforcement Officers Continuing Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“PART PP—CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK**

6 **GRANTS**

7 **“SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.**

8 “In this part:

9 “(1) CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK.—The
10 term ‘civilian law enforcement task’ includes—

11 “(A) assisting in homicide investigations;

12 “(B) assisting in carjacking investigations;

13 “(C) assisting in financial crimes investiga-
14 tions;

15 “(D) reviewing camera footage;

16 “(E) crime scene analysis;

17 “(F) forensics analysis; and

18 “(G) providing expertise in computers,
19 computer networks, information technology, or
20 the internet.

21 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
22 tity’ means a State or local law enforcement agency.

23 **“SEC. 3062. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

24 “The Attorney General may award grants to eligible
25 entities for the purpose of hiring retired personnel from
26 Federal law enforcement agencies to—

1 “(1) train civilian employees of the eligible enti-
2 ty on civilian law enforcement tasks that can be per-
3 formed on behalf of a law enforcement agency; and

4 “(2) perform civilian law enforcement tasks on
5 behalf of the eligible entity.

6 **“SEC. 3063. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under this part
8 shall be subject to the accountability requirements of this
9 section.

10 “(b) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—

11 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
12 ‘unresolved audit finding’ means a finding in a final
13 audit report of the Inspector General of the Depart-
14 ment of Justice that an audited grantee has used
15 grant funds for an unauthorized expenditure or oth-
16 erwise unallowable cost that is not closed or resolved
17 within 12 months from the date when the final audit
18 report is issued.

19 “(2) AUDITS.—Beginning in the first fiscal
20 year beginning after the date of enactment of the
21 Retired Federal Law Enforcement Officers Con-
22 tinuing Service Act, and in each fiscal year there-
23 after, the Inspector General of the Department of
24 Justice shall conduct audits of recipients of grants
25 under this part to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse

1 of funds by grantees. The Inspector General of the
2 Department of Justice shall determine the appro-
3 priate number of grantees to be audited each year.

4 “(3) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A recipient of
5 grant funds under this part that is found to have an
6 unresolved audit finding shall not be eligible to re-
7 ceive grant funds under this part during the first 2
8 fiscal years beginning after the end of the 12-month
9 period described in paragraph (1).

10 “(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
11 part, the Attorney General shall give priority to eli-
12 gible entities that did not have an unresolved audit
13 finding during the 3 fiscal years before submitting
14 an application for a grant under this part.

15 “(c) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Beginning in the fis-
16 cal year during which audits commence under subsection
17 (a)(2), the Attorney General shall submit to the Com-
18 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Appropria-
19 tions of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary
20 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
21 Representatives an annual certification—

22 “(1) indicating whether—

23 “(A) all audits issued by the Office of the
24 Inspector General of the Department of Justice
25 under subsection (a) have been completed and

1 reviewed by the appropriate Assistant Attorney
2 General or Director; and

3 “(B) all mandatory exclusions required
4 under subsection (a)(3) have been issued; and

5 “(2) that includes a list of any grant recipients
6 excluded under subsection (a)(3) from the previous
7 year.

8 “(d) PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE GRANTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before the Attorney Gen-
10 eral awards a grant to an eligible entity under this
11 part, the Attorney General shall compare potential
12 grant awards with other grants awarded by the At-
13 torney General to determine if grant awards are or
14 have been awarded for a similar purpose.

15 “(2) REPORT.—If the Attorney General awards
16 grants to the same applicant for a similar purpose,
17 the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
18 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee
19 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a
20 report that includes—

21 “(A) a list of all such grants awarded, in-
22 cluding the total dollar amount of any such
23 grants awarded; and

1 “(B) the reason the Attorney General
2 awarded multiple grants to the same applicant
3 for a similar purpose.”.

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