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S. 972

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2023

Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Filling Public Safety
5 Vacancies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of
8 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for

1 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to remain
2 available until expended, \$162,000,000 for additional
3 amounts for grants for the hiring and rehiring of addi-
4 tional career law enforcement officers under section 1701
5 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
6 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381).

7 (b) **BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL**
8 **EVALUATIONS.**—A law enforcement agency using amounts
9 appropriated under subsection (a) to hire or rehire a law
10 enforcement officer—

11 (1) shall—

12 (A) perform a background check on the
13 law enforcement officer; and

14 (B) ensure that the law enforcement offi-
15 cer undergoes a psychological evaluation; and

16 (2) shall use amounts appropriated under sub-
17 section (a) or other funds of the law enforcement
18 agency to cover the cost of carrying out the require-
19 ments under paragraph (1).

20 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.**

21 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The amounts provided by this Act
22 are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to
23 section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010
24 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

1 (b) DESIGNATION IN HOUSE AND SENATE.—The
2 amounts provided by this Act are designated as being for
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1)
4 of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent reso-
5 lution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and section 1(e)
6 of H. Res. 1151 (117th Congress), as engrossed in the
7 House of Representatives on June 8, 2022.

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