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Rural Safety Act of 2003

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 25, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 25, 2003)

Rural Safety Act of 2003 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize: (1) the Attorney General to make grants to rural local and tribal governments for the retention for one additional year of police officers funded through the cops on the beat (COPS) Program; and (2) the use of COPS grants on a matching funds basis to improve police communications and access to crime-solving technologies.

Directs the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice to make grants to: (1) establish or improve 911 service in those communities; and (2) establish restorative justice programs for juveniles.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to make grants to establish in rural areas substance abuse prevention and treatment pilot programs and methamphetamine prevention education programs.

Directs the Attorney General to provide for the cleanup of methamphetamine laboratories and related hazardous waste and for the improvement of response time by providing additional contract personnel, equipment, and facilities in rural areas.

Establishes a Rural Policing Institute as part of the Small Town and Rural Training Program.

Secure Storage of Firearms Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to carry out a demonstration program to make grants to assist qualified law enforcement officers in the acquisition and installation of gun safes or gun storage racks in their residences.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit for certain gun safe or storage rack acquisition expenses.

Actions Timeline

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