

HR 4276

Rural Safety and Law Enforcement Improvement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Party: Democratic • State: OK • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

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Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		May 13, 2004
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Rep. Stenholm, Charles W. [D-TX-17]	D · TX		May 13, 2004
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 18, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2004
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural Safety and Law Enforcement Improvement Act - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to: (1) authorize 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 (or COPS) program; (2) authorize the use of COPS grants on a matching funds basis to assist the police departments of such units in improving police communications, and in developing and improving access to crime-solving technologies; and (3) hire personnel and purchase equipment for rural areas to assist in the enforcement and prosecution of methamphetamine offenses and the environmental cleanup of methamphetamine-affected areas.

Directs the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice to make grants to such units to establish or improve 911 service in those communities.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, to make grants to establish in rural areas substance abuse (particularly methamphetamine) 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 contract-related response time for cleanup of methamphetamine laboratories and related hazardous waste by providing additional contract personnel, equipment, and facilities, in rural areas. Makes funding available from the Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund for payment for the costs of experts and consultants needed to clean up areas formerly used as methamphetamine laboratories.

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

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 21, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 20, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 5, 2004:** Introduced in House
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