

## S 945

### PROTECTION Act

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4563-

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### Sponsor

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| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]        | D · VT        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]              | D · MI        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]     | D · MD        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]              | D · NE        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
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| Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]            | D · IL        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]               | D · RI        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
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| Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV] | D · WV        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
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| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]      | D · NY        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
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| Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]           | R · PA        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]         | D · MI        |      | Apr 28, 2005 |

Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Apr 28, 2005 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 28, 2005)

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Providing Reliable Officers, Technology, Education, Community Prosecutors, and Training In Our Neighborhoods Act of 2005 or the PROTECTION Act - Modifies provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 regarding public safety and community policing ("cops on the beat" program, COPS) to authorize the Attorney General to use COPS grants to: (1) increase prosecutor presence and to enhance law enforcement access to new technologies; (2) pay overtime to existing career law enforcement officers to the extent that such overtime is devoted to community-oriented policing; and (3) promote higher education among in-service State and local law enforcement officers by reimbursing them for certain educational costs.

Includes among permitted additional grant projects: (1) specialized integrity and ethics training; and (2) innovative proactive crime control and prevention programs involving school officials and religiously-affiliated organizations.

Authorizes the Attorney General to use up to five percent of funds available for technical assistance and training grants in any fiscal year to States, local governments, Indian tribal governments, and other entities.

Allows grants to be used to assist: (1) police departments in employing specified professional, scientific, and technological advancements; and (2) State, local, or tribal prosecutors' offices in implementation of community-based prosecution programs that build on local community-oriented policing efforts. Reserves specified funds for local governmental units with a population of less than 50,000.

Authorizes the Attorney General to use no more than 50 percent of grant renewal funds to award grants targeted for police officer retention.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 28, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 28, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4562-4563)
- **Apr 28, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4563-4564)