

HR 1700

COPS Improvements Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 26, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 4, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 368	Related bill	Jun 20, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-271.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 14, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

COPS Improvements Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the authority of the Attorney General to make grants for public safety and community policing programs (COPS ON THE BEAT or COPS program). Revises grant purposes to provide for: (1) the hiring or training of law enforcement officers for intelligence, anti-terror, and homeland security duties; (2) the hiring of school resource officers; (3) school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and schools to combat crime, gangs, drug activities, and other problems facing elementary and secondary schools; (4) innovative programs to reduce and prevent illegal drug (including methamphetamine) manufacturing, distribution, and use; (5) criminal gang enforcement task forces; and (6) enhanced community policing and crime prevention grants that meet emerging law enforcement needs.

Allows COPS program grants to be used to hire former members of the Armed Forces to serve as career law enforcement officers for community-oriented policing, particularly in communities adversely affected by a recent military base closing.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to: (1) assign community prosecutors to handle cases from specific geographic areas and address counterterrorism problems, specific violent crime problems, and localized violent and other crime problems; and (2) develop new technologies to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in crime prevention.

Grants the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services exclusive authority to perform functions and activities under the COPS grant program.

Authorizes the Attorney General to renew COP program grants if grant recipients can demonstrate significant progress in achieving the objectives of the initial grant application.

Requires the Attorney General to select one or more institutions of higher education, including historically Black colleges and universities, to conduct a scientific study of the effectiveness of the programs, projects, and activities funded by the COPS program. Requires such institutions to report on their studies to the Attorney General not later than four years after the enactment of this Act. Requires the Attorney General to report to Congress on such studies.

Increases and extends through FY2013 the authorization of appropriations for the COPS program. Increases from 3 to 5% the amount of funds available for technical assistance. Specifies amounts to be made available for hiring officers and prosecutors, and for technology grants.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Inspector General of the Department of Justice to report to Congress on the COPS program, including information on: (1) the effect of the program on the rate of violent crime, drug offenses, and other crimes; (2) the degree to which state and local governments awarded a COPS grant contribute funds for law enforcement programs and activities; and (3) any waste, fraud, or abuse in the program. Requires the Inspector General to audit and review a random sampling of state and local law enforcement agencies in preparing such report.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 16, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 15, 2007:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 15, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4985-4995)
- **May 15, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1700.
- **May 15, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 15, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5016)
- **May 15, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 381 - 34 (Roll no. 348).(text: CR H4985-4986)
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- **May 15, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-150.
- **May 14, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 90.
- **May 2, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 2, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 24, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 20, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 26, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.