

HR 1139

COPS Improvements Act of 2009

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Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2009
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 19, 2009
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Mar 26, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 21, 2009
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 23, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 167	Related bill	Jan 8, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S213-214)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on April 21, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

COPS Improvements Act of 2009 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the authority of the Attorney General to make competitive grants under the public safety and community policing grant program (COPS grant program) to states, local and Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia, and individuals to: (1) train officers hired to perform intelligence, anti-terror, or homeland security duties; (2) hire school resource officers and establish local partnerships to combat crime, gangs, drug activities, and other problems in elementary and secondary schools; (3) establish and implement innovative programs to reduce and prevent illegal drug activities, including the manufacturing, distribution, and use of methamphetamine; (4) hire and rehire civilian forensic analysts and laboratory personnel; (5) establish criminal gang enforcement task forces; and (6) meet emerging law enforcement needs.

Authorizes the use of COPS grants to hire honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces to serve as career law enforcement officers.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants for: (1) assigning prosecutors to handle cases from specific geographic areas and to address counter-terrorism problems and violent crime in local communities; and (2) developing new technologies to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in crime prevention and training.

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 extend grant periods and to renew grants if the grant recipient can demonstrate significant progress in achieving the objectives of the initial grant application.

Directs the Attorney General to provide for a scientific study of the effectiveness of the programs, projects, and activities under the grant program in reducing crime.

Increases and extends the authorization of appropriations for the COPS grant program for FY2009-FY2014.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Inspector General of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report to Congress on the effect of the COPS grant program on the rate of violent crime, drug offenses, and other crimes, the degree to which state and local government grant recipients contribute funds for law enforcement programs and activities, and any waste, fraud, or abuse within the program. Requires the Inspector General, in making such report, to audit and review a random sampling of state and local law enforcement agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4718)
- **Apr 23, 2009:** 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): 342 - 78 (Roll no. 206).(text: CR 4/22/2009 H4656-4658)
- **Apr 23, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 342 - 78 (Roll no. 206). (text: CR 4/22/2009 H4656-4658)
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Mr. Weiner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4656-4665)
- **Apr 22, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1139.
- **Apr 22, 2009:** 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.
- **Apr 21, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-78.
- **Apr 21, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 35.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 25, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 7.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.