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COPS Improvements Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 10, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 8, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1139	Related bill	Apr 23, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2009)

COPS Improvements Act of 2009 - 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 grant program).

Authorizes grants to: (1) hire school resource officers and establish local partnerships to combat crime, gangs, drug activities, and other problems in elementary and secondary schools; (2) establish and implement programs to reduce and prevent illegal drug activities, including the manufacturing, distribution, and use of methamphetamine; and (3) meet emerging law enforcement needs, as warranted.

Authorizes the use of COPS ON THE BEAT grants to hire former 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 COPS ON THE BEAT 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.

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

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S212-213)
- **Jan 8, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S213-214)