

## HR 421

### COPS Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations. (Feb 28, 2013)

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#### Sponsor

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#### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jan 25, 2013
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jan 25, 2013
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jan 25, 2013
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 4, 2013
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 7, 2013
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Apr 10, 2013
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 11, 2013
Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Feb 25, 2014
Rep. Enyart, William L. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2014
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jul 9, 2014

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2254	Related bill	Apr 10, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

COPS Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2013 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to modify the public safety and community policing grant program (COPS ON THE BEAT grant program) to: (1) establish within the Department of Justice (DOJ), under the general authority of the Attorney General, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to be headed by a Director; and (2) authorize the Attorney General to carry out more than one such program.

Repeals provisions authorizing: (1) the Attorney General to give preferential consideration to applications for hiring and rehiring additional career law enforcement officers that involve a non-federal contribution exceeding a 25% minimum; and (2) the use of such grants to develop and implement either innovative programs to permit members of the community to assist state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the prevention of crime in the community or new administrative and managerial systems to facilitate the adoption of community-oriented policing as an organization-wide philosophy.

Authorizes the use of such grants to: (1) hire school resource officers and establish local partnerships to enhance school safety and to combat crime, gangs, drug activities, and other problems in elementary and secondary schools; (2) establish and implement innovative programs to reduce and prevent illegal drug manufacturing, distribution, and use; (3) meet emerging law enforcement needs; (4) hire former members of the Armed Forces to serve as career law enforcement officers for deployment in community-oriented policing; and (5) develop new technologies to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in crime prevention and training.

Requires an application for a grant for officers performing homeland security duties to explain how the applicant intends to coordinate with federal law enforcement in support of the applicant's homeland security mission.

Increases the limit on grant funding provided for hiring or rehiring a career law enforcement officer, unless the Attorney General grants a waiver, from \$75,000 to \$125,000.

Extends the authorization of appropriations for the program for FY2013-FY2017.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.
- **Jan 25, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.