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Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 8, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 8, 2015
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 8, 2015
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jan 8, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2015
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 12, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 12, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 16, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Feb 11, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 11, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 11, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 23, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 4, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 23, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 23, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 25, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Apr 13, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 4, 2015
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 4, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 6, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 26, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 8, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on May 6, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend through FY2020 the authorization of appropriations for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program.

(Sec. 3) It requires the transfer to the general fund of the Treasury, no later than January 31, 2023, of all funds appropriated for the BVP program for FY2016-FY2020 that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2022.

(Sec. 4) The bill expresses the sense of Congress that amounts made available to carry out the BVP program should be made available through the end of the fiscal year following the one for which the amounts are appropriated and should not be made available until expended.

(Sec. 5) It prohibits the use of federal funds under another grant program to pay or defer the cost of the matching funds requirement for the BVP program.

(Sec. 6) It requires a state, local, or tribal government that receives a BVP program grant to comply with BVP program requirements, to have a written policy requiring uniformed patrol officers to wear an armor vest or body armor, and to use the funds to purchase vests or body armor that meet performance standards established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

(Sec. 7) The bill allows preferential consideration to a BVP program grant applicant from a jurisdiction that provides armor vests that are uniquely fitted to law enforcement officers, including individual female officers.

Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **May 16, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-155.
- **May 13, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **May 10, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 114-544.
- **May 10, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 420.
- **May 10, 2016:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 10, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2184-2186)
- **May 10, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 125.
- **May 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2184-2185)
- **May 10, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2184-2185)
- **May 10, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 8, 2016:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Discharged.
- **May 15, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 8, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **May 8, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 7, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 6, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2670-2672)
- **May 6, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S2671-2672)
- **May 6, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S2671-2672)
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 32.
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S101)