

S 546

Recruit and Retain Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 8, 2023
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 8, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3325	Identical bill	May 6, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 399.

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This act expands the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program to support recruitment efforts by law enforcement agencies.

Specifically, the act expands the COPS program by

- allowing funds to be used for reducing application-related fees (e.g., fees for background checks, psychological evaluations, and testing); and
- directing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to award competitive grants to partnerships between law enforcement agencies and educational institutions (e.g., elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education) for recruiting activities, such as for career and job fairs.

The act requires DOJ to establish guidance for understaffed law enforcement agencies applying for COPS grants.

The Government Accountability Office must study and report on the effects of recruitment and attrition rates on federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **May 24, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-64.
- **May 20, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **May 14, 2024:** Mr. Hunt moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 14, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3046-3048)
- **May 14, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 546.
- **May 14, 2024:** 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 14, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3188)
- **May 14, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 370 - 18 (Roll no. 196). (text: CR H3046-3047)
- **May 14, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 370 - 18 (Roll no. 196). (text: CR H3046-3047)
- **May 14, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S3580-3582; text: CR S3581-3582)
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3580-3582; text: CR S3581-3582)
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 8, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 86.
- **May 18, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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