

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3335

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Retired Law Enforce-
5 ment Officers Continuing Service Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
8 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART PP—CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK**

2 **GRANTS**

3 **“SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.**

4 “In this part:

5 “(1) CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK.—The
6 term ‘civilian law enforcement task’ includes—

7 “(A) assisting in homicide investigations;

8 “(B) assisting in carjacking investigations;

9 “(C) assisting in financial crimes investiga-
10 tions;

11 “(D) reviewing camera footage;

12 “(E) crime scene analysis;

13 “(F) forensics analysis; and

14 “(G) providing expertise in computers,
15 computer networks, information technology, or
16 the internet.

17 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
18 tity’ means a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law
19 enforcement agency.

20 **“SEC. 3062. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

21 “‘The Attorney General may award grants to eligible
22 entities for the purpose of hiring retired personnel from
23 law enforcement agencies to—

24 “(1) train civilian employees of the eligible enti-
25 ty on civilian law enforcement tasks that can be per-
26 formed on behalf of a law enforcement agency; and

1 “(2) perform civilian law enforcement tasks on
2 behalf of the eligible entity.

3 **“SEC. 3063. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under this part
5 shall be subject to the accountability requirements of this
6 section.

7 “(b) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—

8 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
9 ‘unresolved audit finding’ means a finding in a final
10 audit report of the Inspector General of the Depart-
11 ment of Justice that an audited grantee has used
12 grant funds for an unauthorized expenditure or oth-
13 erwise unallowable cost that is not closed or resolved
14 within 12 months from the date when the final audit
15 report is issued.

16 “(2) AUDITS.—Beginning in the first fiscal
17 year beginning after the date of enactment of the
18 Retired Law Enforcement Officers Continuing Serv-
19 ice Act, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the In-
20 spector General of the Department of Justice shall
21 conduct audits of recipients of grants under this
22 part to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds by
23 grantees. The Inspector General of the Department
24 of Justice shall determine the appropriate number of
25 grantees to be audited each year.

1 “(3) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A recipient of
2 grant funds under this part that is found to have an
3 unresolved audit finding shall not be eligible to re-
4 ceive grant funds under this part during the first 2
5 fiscal years beginning after the end of the 12-month
6 period described in paragraph (1).

7 “(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
8 part, the Attorney General shall give priority to eli-
9 gible entities that did not have an unresolved audit
10 finding during the 3 fiscal years before submitting
11 an application for a grant under this part.

12 “(c) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Beginning in the fis-
13 cal year during which audits commence under subsection
14 (b)(2), the Attorney General shall submit to the Com-
15 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Appropria-
16 tions of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary
17 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
18 Representatives an annual certification—

19 “(1) indicating whether—

20 “(A) all audits issued by the Office of the
21 Inspector General of the Department of Justice
22 under subsection (b) have been completed and
23 reviewed by the appropriate Assistant Attorney
24 General or Director; and

1 “(B) all mandatory exclusions required
2 under subsection (b)(3) have been issued; and

3 “(2) that includes a list of any grant recipients
4 excluded under subsection (b)(3) from the previous
5 year.

6 “(d) PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE GRANTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before the Attorney Gen-
8 eral awards a grant to an eligible entity under this
9 part, the Attorney General shall compare potential
10 grant awards with other grants awarded by the At-
11 torney General to determine if grant awards are or
12 have been awarded for a similar purpose.

13 “(2) REPORT.—If the Attorney General awards
14 grants to the same applicant for a similar purpose,
15 the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
16 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee
17 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a
18 report that includes—

19 “(A) a list of all such grants awarded, in-
20 cluding the total dollar amount of any such
21 grants awarded; and

22 “(B) the reason the Attorney General
23 awarded multiple grants to the same applicant
24 for a similar purpose.”.