

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bulletproof Vest Part-  
5 nership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
2 **TIONS FOR BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNER-**  
3 **SHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1001(a)(23) of title I of the Omnibus Crime  
5 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
6 3793(a)(23)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(23) There is authorized to be appropriated to carry  
8 out part Y, \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016  
9 through 2020.”.

10 **SEC. 3. EXPIRATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.**

11 Section 2501 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
12 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll) is amend-  
13 ed by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h) EXPIRATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

15 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
16 ‘appropriated funds’ means any amounts that are  
17 appropriated for any of fiscal years 2016 through  
18 2020 to carry out this part.

19 “(2) EXPIRATION.—All appropriated funds that  
20 are not obligated on or before December 31, 2022  
21 shall be transferred to the General Fund of the  
22 Treasury not later than January 31, 2023.”.

23 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON 2-YEAR LIMITATION ON**  
24 **FUNDS.**

25 It is the sense of Congress that amounts made avail-  
26 able to carry out part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime

1 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll  
2 et seq.) should be made available through the end of the  
3 first fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the  
4 amounts are appropriated and should not be made avail-  
5 able until expended.

6 **SEC. 5. MATCHING FUNDS LIMITATION.**

7 Section 2501(f) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-  
8 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll(f))  
9 is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
11 graph (4); and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(3) LIMITATION ON MATCHING FUNDS.—A  
15 State, unit of local government, or Indian tribe may  
16 not use funding received under any other Federal  
17 grant program to pay or defer the cost, in whole or  
18 in part, of the matching requirement under para-  
19 graph (1).”.

1 **SEC. 6. APPLICATION OF BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNER-**  
2 **SHIP GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS TO**  
3 **ANY ARMOR VEST OR BODY ARMOR PUR-**  
4 **CHASED WITH FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.**

5 Section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3766a) is amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
9 a grantee that uses funds made available under this part  
10 to purchase an armor vest or body armor shall—

11 “(A) comply with any requirements established  
12 for the use of grants made under part Y;

13 “(B) have a written policy requiring uniformed  
14 patrol officers to wear an armor vest or body armor;  
15 and

16 “(C) use the funds to purchase armor vests or  
17 body armor that meet any performance standards  
18 established by the Director of the Bureau of Justice  
19 Assistance.

20 “(2) In this subsection, the terms ‘armor vest’ and  
21 ‘body armor’ have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
22 tion 2503.”.

23 **SEC. 7. UNIQUELY FITTED ARMOR VESTS.**

24 Section 2501(c) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-  
25 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll(e))  
26 is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the  
2           end;

3           (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “; or” and in-  
4           serting “; and”;

5           (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
6           graph (5); and

7           (4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
8           lowing:

9           “(4) provides armor vests to law enforcement  
10          officers that are uniquely fitted for such officers, in-  
11          cluding vests uniquely fitted to individual female law  
12          enforcement officers; or”.