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H. R. 4116

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to programs that create safe corridors for senior citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1994

Mr. FOGLIETTA (for himself, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. BORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Senior Safe Corridors
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to fund programs that es-
3 tablish corridors of safety for senior citizens in crime-trou-
4 bled areas.

5 **SEC. 3. GRANTS PROGRAMS TO ESTABLISH CORRIDORS OF**
6 **SAFETY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.**

7 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
8 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) by redesignating part Q as part R;

11 (2) by redesignating section 1701 as section
12 1801; and

13 (3) by inserting after part P the following new
14 part:

15 **“PART Q—PROGRAMS TO ESTABLISH SAFE**
16 **CORRIDORS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

17 **“SEC. 1701. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Bureau of
19 Justice Assistance may make grants under this part to
20 States, and to units of local government with populations
21 of more than 100,000 individuals, to fund programs that
22 create corridors of safety for senior citizens in high-density
23 senior citizen areas.

24 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Funds distributed under this
25 part shall be used to fund programs that seek to decrease
26 violent crimes against senior citizens by increasing the

1 numbers, protective presence, and watchfulness of police,
2 community group members, and others, and the watchful-
3 ness of business owners and employees, in high-density
4 senior citizen areas. Programs may include escorting sen-
5 ior citizens.

6 **“SEC. 1702. APPLICATIONS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this
8 part, a State, or a unit of local government with a popu-
9 lation of more than 100,000 individuals, shall submit an
10 application to the Director in the form and containing the
11 information that the Director reasonably requires.

12 “(b) APPROVAL.—The Director shall approve or dis-
13 approve each application made under subsection (a) within
14 60 days after the date that the application is received by
15 the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

16 **“SEC. 1703. CRITERIA.**

17 “(a) CRITERIA.—In order to receive a grant under
18 this part, an applicant shall—

19 “(1) demonstrate that there is significant vio-
20 lent crime against senior citizens in the high-density
21 senior citizen areas that will be affected by the ap-
22 plicant’s program;

23 “(2) state the number of senior citizens who
24 will be served by the applicant’s program, and define

1 which individuals will be considered senior citizens
2 for purposes of the program;

3 “(3) describe the manner in which the appli-
4 cant, including the applicant’s local governments and
5 police, will involve other sectors of the community,
6 including local businesses, community groups, reli-
7 gious institutions, and law enforcement personnel
8 such as transit and public housing officers, in the
9 applicant’s program; and

10 “(4) comply with any other requirement estab-
11 lished by the Director for purposes of this section.

12 “(b) APPLICATION OF CRITERIA.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall deter-
14 mine which applicants receive funding under this
15 part based on the criteria referred to in subsection
16 (a).

17 “(2) PRIORITY.—If 2 applicants demonstrate
18 equal need under the criteria referred to in para-
19 graphs (1), (2), and (4) of subsection (a), the appli-
20 cant whose proposed program shows the greatest
21 amount and diversity of community involvement, as
22 described in paragraph (3) of such subsection, shall
23 be given priority in receiving a grant under this
24 part.

1 **“SEC. 1704. LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF GRANT.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant made
3 under this part may not exceed 75 percent of the total
4 costs, for the period for which the grant is received, of
5 the program funded by the grant.

6 “(b) WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT.—The Director may
7 waive the requirement of subsection (a) for a grant made
8 to an applicant that is a unit of local government, if the
9 Director finds that—

10 “(1) the applicant has a compelling need for the
11 program for which it is applying for funding under
12 this part; and

13 “(2) the applicant has severe financial prob-
14 lems.

15 **“SEC. 1705. REPORTS BY GRANT RECIPIENTS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A State or unit of local govern-
17 ment that receives funding for a program under this part
18 shall submit, by a deadline established by the Director,
19 an annual report for each fiscal year for which the funding
20 is received, containing any information the Director may
21 require regarding the program.

22 “(b) EVALUATION OF EFFECT ON CRIME.—The re-
23 port required by subsection (a) with respect to any pro-
24 gram shall include an evaluation of the effect of the pro-
25 gram on violent crime against senior citizens in the high-
26 density senior citizen areas in which the program operates.

1 “(c) USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR REPORT.—A State
2 or unit of local government may spend not more than 2
3 percent of the funds received under this part to compile
4 the report required by subsection (a), or to otherwise com-
5 ply with subsections (a) and (b).

6 **“SEC. 1706. DEFINITIONS.**

7 “For purposes of this part:

8 “(1) The term ‘applicant’ means a State, or a
9 unit of local government with a population of over
10 100,000 individuals, that applies for a grant under
11 this part.

12 “(2) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
13 the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

14 “(3) The term ‘high-density senior citizen area’
15 means an area inside, surrounding, or adjacent to
16 facilities or services that specialize in availability to
17 senior citizens, such as a senior citizen program at
18 a community center, a public housing authority or
19 private senior citizen apartment complex, or a medi-
20 cal practice providing care to senior citizens.

21 “(4) The term ‘program’ means a program de-
22 scribed in section 1701(b).”.

23 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1001(a) of the Omnibus
25 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.

1 3793(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
2 new paragraph:

3 “(11) There are authorized to be appropriated,
4 to carry out part Q, \$50,000,000 for fiscal year
5 1995 and such sums as may be necessary for each
6 of the fiscal years 1996 through 1998.”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 1001(a)(3)
8 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
9 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793) is amended by striking “and O”
10 and inserting “O, and Q”.

11 **SEC. 5. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12 (a) EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS.—Section 801(b) of
13 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
14 (42 U.S.C. 3782(b)) is amended by striking “and O” and
15 inserting “O, and Q”.

16 (b) PROCESS FOR DENIED APPLICATIONS.—Section
17 802(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
18 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3783(b)) is amended in the 1st
19 sentence by striking “or O” and inserting “O, or Q”.

20 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
21 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
22 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 prec.) is amended by striking
23 the items relating to part Q and inserting the following
24 new items:

“PART Q—PROGRAMS TO ESTABLISH SAFE CORRIDORS FOR SENIOR
CITIZENS

“Sec. 1701. Grant authorization.

“Sec. 1702. Applications.

“Sec. 1703. Criteria.

“Sec. 1704. Limit on amount of grant.

“Sec. 1705. Reports by grant recipients.

“Sec. 1706. Definitions.

“PART R—TRANSITION—EFFECTIVE DATE—REPEALER

“Sec. 1801. Continuation of rules, authorities, and proceedings.”.

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