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# S. 1815

To authorize matching funds for State and local firearm buy-back programs.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Federal Firearm Buy-  
5 Back Initiative Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MATCHING FUNDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL FIRE-**  
7 **ARM BUY-BACK PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—The Attorney Gen-  
9 eral shall establish a program under which the Attorney  
10 General will enter into agreements to contribute, and will

1 contribute, up to 50 percent of the funds needed to provide  
2 merchandise, certificates that may be used to acquire mer-  
3 chandise or services, or other non-cash incentives to indi-  
4 viduals to turn in firearms to firearm buy-back programs  
5 operated by State or local governments or private entities.

6 (b) QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS.—In  
7 an agreement under subsection (a), the Attorney Gen-  
8 eral—

9 (1) may agree to contribute to a firearm buy-  
10 back program an amount that is not greater than  
11 the amount of State and local public funds and pri-  
12 vate funds committed to the program at the time of  
13 the agreement;

14 (2) shall require that all firearms that are  
15 turned in to the program will be destroyed;

16 (3) shall require that the program agree to pro-  
17 vide only merchandise, certificates that may be used  
18 to acquire merchandise or services, or other incen-  
19 tives other than cash to individuals who turn in fire-  
20 arms; and

21 (4)(A) may set such other qualifications, terms,  
22 and conditions as may be appropriate to ensure that  
23 the program is operated in an efficient and bona fide  
24 manner consistent with the interests of law enforce-  
25 ment; but

1           (B) may not prescribe the terms under which  
2           the program will accept firearms in exchange for any  
3           offered incentive.

4           (c) TERMINATION.—The program under subsection  
5 (a) shall terminate on September 30, 1995.

6           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
8 out of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund to be es-  
9 tablished under section 1115 of title 31, United States  
10 Code, as added by section 1353 of the Violent Crime Con-  
11 trol and Law Enforcement Act of 1993, \$15,000,000 for  
12 each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

13          (e) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 1995, the  
14 Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report assess-  
15 ing the effect that operation of the firearm buy-back pro-  
16 grams funded under this Act has had in reducing the inci-  
17 dence of crime in the jurisdictions in which the programs  
18 were operated.

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