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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2110

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. GORTON 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 “Law Enforcement Offi-  
5       cer Protection Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds that—

1           (1) law enforcement officers must be adequately  
2 equipped to protect the public and themselves  
3 against violent criminals;

4           (2) as the Federal Government pursues strate-  
5 gies to keep firearms out of the hands of violent  
6 criminals, those who enforce the law at the State  
7 and local level must be prepared to respond to vio-  
8 lence;

9           (3) some State and local law enforcement agen-  
10 cies are faced with criminals with superior firearms  
11 that endanger the lives of law enforcement officers  
12 and of the public that they are sworn to protect;

13           (4) some State and local law enforcement agen-  
14 cies are not able to convert or upgrade their fire-  
15 arms due to State or local budget limitations;

16           (5) law enforcement officers should not have to  
17 purchase their firearms used for official duty with  
18 personal funds; and

19           (6) it is in the interest of the Federal Govern-  
20 ment to provide minor financial assistance to those  
21 State and local law enforcement agencies in need of  
22 a weapons upgrade in order to protect themselves  
23 and the public against violent crime.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-  
3 lish a Federal matching grant program to provide finan-  
4 cial assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies  
5 for the purpose of upgrading or converting their standard-  
6 issue firearms.

7 (b) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The Attorney General  
8 may make a single grant to a State or local law enforce-  
9 ment agency in an amount, not to exceed \$300,000, equal  
10 to the amount of non-Federal funds expended by or com-  
11 mitted to the agency for the purpose of upgrading or con-  
12 verting firearms on or after March 15, 1994 and before  
13 March 15, 1995.

14 (c) USE OF GRANT MONEYS.—Grant moneys shall be  
15 used for—

16 (1) the purchase of standard-issue firearms that  
17 are considered an upgrade from current standard-  
18 issue firearms used by the State or local law enforce-  
19 ment agency;

20 (2) the training necessary to use the upgraded  
21 firearms in accordance with public safety and profes-  
22 sional standards; and

23 (3) the purchase of ammunition, if necessary,  
24 for training and practice consistent with official  
25 duties.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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