

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2413

AN ACT

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.

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 Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the number of law enforcement officers who
4 are killed in the line of duty would significantly de-
5 crease if every law enforcement officer in the United
6 States had the protection of an armor vest;

7 (2) according to studies, between 1985 and
8 1994, 709 law enforcement officers in the United
9 States were killed in the line of duty;

10 (3) the Federal Bureau of Investigation esti-
11 mates that the risk of fatality to law enforcement of-
12 ficers while not wearing an armor vest is 14 times
13 higher than for officers wearing an armor vest;

14 (4) according to studies, between 1985 and
15 1994, bullet-resistant materials helped save the lives
16 of more than 2,000 law enforcement officers in the
17 United States; and

18 (5) the Executive Committee for Indian Coun-
19 try Law Enforcement Improvements reports that
20 violent crime in Indian country has risen sharply,
21 despite a decrease in the national crime rate, and
22 has concluded that there is a “public safety crisis in
23 Indian country”.

1 **SEC. 3. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR LAW ENFORCE-**
 2 **MENT ARMOR VESTS.**

3 (a) MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 2501(f) of part Y
 4 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
 5 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll(f)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “The portion” and inserting the
 7 following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The portion”;

9 (2) by striking “subsection (a)” and all that fol-
 10 lows through the period at the end of the first sen-
 11 tence and inserting “subsection (a)—

12 “(A) may not exceed 50 percent; and

13 “(B) shall equal 50 percent, if—

14 “(i) such grant is to a unit of local
 15 government with fewer than 100,000 resi-
 16 dents;

17 “(ii) the Director of the Bureau of
 18 Justice Assistance determines that the
 19 quantity of vests to be purchased with such
 20 grant is reasonable; and

21 “(iii) such portion does not cause such
 22 grant to violate the requirements of sub-
 23 section (e).”; and

24 (3) by striking “Any funds” and inserting the
 25 following:

26 “(2) INDIAN ASSISTANCE.—Any funds”.

1 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 2501(g) of
2 part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll(g)) is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 “(g) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Funds available
6 under this part shall be awarded, without regard to sub-
7 section (c), to each qualifying unit of local government
8 with fewer than 100,000 residents. Any remaining funds
9 available under this part shall be awarded to other quali-
10 fying applicants.”.

11 (c) APPLICATIONS.—Section 2502 of part Y of title
12 I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
13 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll–1) is amended by adding at the
14 end the following:

15 “(d) APPLICATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUR-
16 CHASES.—If an application under this section is submitted
17 in conjunction with a transaction for the purchase of
18 armor vests, grant amounts under this section may not
19 be used to fund any portion of that purchase unless, before
20 the application is submitted, the applicant—

21 “(1) receives clear and conspicuous notice that
22 receipt of the grant amounts requested in the appli-
23 cation is uncertain; and

1 “(2) expressly assumes the obligation to carry
2 out the transaction, regardless of whether such
3 amounts are received.”.

4 (d) DEFINITION OF ARMOR VEST.—Section 2503(1)
5 of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
6 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ll–2(1)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “means body armor” and insert-
9 ing the following: “means—

10 “(A) body armor”;

11 (2) by adding “or” at the end; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(B) body armor that has been tested
14 through the voluntary compliance testing pro-
15 gram, and found to meet or exceed the require-
16 ments of NIJ Standard 0115.00, or any revi-
17 sion of such standard;”.

18 (e) INTERIM DEFINITION OF ARMOR VEST.—For
19 purposes of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
20 and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended by this Act,
21 the meaning of the term “armor vest” (as defined in sec-
22 tion 2503 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 37966ll–2)) shall, until
23 the date on which a final NIJ Standard 0115.00 is first
24 fully approved and implemented, also include body armor
25 which has been found to meet or exceed the requirements

1 for protection against stabbing established by the State
2 in which the grantee is located.

3 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 1001(a)(23) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
5 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793(a)(23)) is
6 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-
7 lowing: “, and \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002
8 through 2004”.

Passed the Senate October 10 (legislative day, Sep-
tember 22), 2000.

Attest:

Secretary.

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