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To provide funds to the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Rural Law Enforce-
5 ment Assistance Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL LAW**
7 **ENFORCEMENT.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
2 members of the Board of the Center elected in ac-
3 cordance with the bylaws of the Center.

4 (2) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the
5 National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, a non-
6 profit corporation located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

7 (3) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The term “Execu-
8 tive Director” means the Executive Director of the
9 Center as appointed in accordance with the bylaws
10 of the Center.

11 (4) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
12 The term “institutions of higher education” has the
13 meaning given the term in section 1201(a) of the
14 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

15 (5) METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA.—The
16 term “metropolitan statistical area” has the same
17 meaning given the term by the Bureau of the Cen-
18 sus of the Department of Commerce.

19 (6) RURAL AREA.—The term “rural area”
20 means an area that is located outside of a metropoli-
21 tan statistical area.

22 (7) RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The
23 term “rural law enforcement agency” means a law
24 enforcement agency that serves a city, town, town-
25 ship, borough, or village that is located in rural area.

1 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General shall
2 annually make a grant to the National Center for Rural
3 Law Enforcement, if the Executive Director certifies in
4 writing to the Attorney General that the Center—

5 (1) is incorporated in accordance with applica-
6 ble State law;

7 (2) is in compliance with the bylaws of the Cen-
8 ter;

9 (3) will use amounts made available under this
10 section in accordance with subsection (c); and

11 (4) will not support any political party or can-
12 didate for elected or appointed office.

13 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—

14 (1) REQUIRED USES OF FUNDS.—The Center
15 shall use amounts made available under a grant this
16 section to develop an education and training pro-
17 gram for rural law enforcement agencies, and the
18 employees of those agencies, which shall include—

19 (A) the development and delivery of man-
20 agement education and training, technical as-
21 sistance, practical research and evaluation, and
22 computer and forensic education and training
23 for employees of rural law enforcement agencies
24 (including tribal law enforcement agencies and
25 railroad law enforcement agencies), including

1 supervisory and executive managers of those
2 agencies;

3 (B) conducting research into the causes
4 and prevention of criminal activity in rural
5 areas, including the causes, assessment, evalua-
6 tion, analysis, and prevention of criminal activ-
7 ity;

8 (C) the development and dissemination of
9 information designed to assist States and units
10 of local government in rural areas throughout
11 the United States;

12 (D) the establishment and maintenance of
13 a resource and information center for the collec-
14 tion, preparation, and dissemination of informa-
15 tion regarding criminal justice and law enforce-
16 ment in rural areas, including programs for the
17 prevention of crime and recidivism; and

18 (E) the delivery of assistance, in a con-
19 sulting capacity, to criminal justice agencies in
20 the development, establishment, maintenance,
21 and coordination of programs, facilities and
22 services, training, and research relating to
23 crime in rural areas.

24 (2) PERMISSIVE USES OF FUNDS.—The Center
25 may use amounts made available under a grant

1 under this section to enhance the education and
2 training program developed under paragraph (1),
3 through—

4 (A) educational opportunities for rural law
5 enforcement agencies;

6 (B) the development, promotion, and vol-
7 untary adoption of educational and training
8 standards and accreditation certification pro-
9 grams for rural law enforcement agencies and
10 the employees of those agencies;

11 (C) grants to, and contracts with, State,
12 and local governments, law enforcement agen-
13 cies, public and private agencies, educational in-
14 stitutions, and other organizations and individ-
15 uals to carry out this paragraph;

16 (D) the formulation and recommendation
17 of law enforcement policy, goals, and standards
18 in rural areas applicable to criminal justice
19 agencies, organizations, institutions, and per-
20 sonnel; and

21 (E) coordination with institutions of higher
22 education for the purpose of encouraging pro-
23 grams of study at those institutions for employ-
24 ees of rural law enforcement agencies.

1 (d) POWERS.—In carrying out subsection (c), the Ex-
2 ecutive Director may—

3 (1) request the head of any Federal department
4 or agency to detail, on a reimbursable basis, 1 or
5 more employees of that department or agency to the
6 Center to assist the Center in carrying out sub-
7 section (c), and any such detail shall be without
8 interruption or loss of civil service status or privi-
9 lege;

10 (2) request the Administrator of the General
11 Services Administration to provide the Center, on a
12 reimbursable basis, the administrative support serv-
13 ices necessary for the Center to carry out subsection
14 (c); and

15 (3) procure temporary and intermittent services
16 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code,
17 at rates of compensation established by the Board,
18 but not to exceed the daily equivalent of the max-
19 imum rate of pay payable for a position at level IV
20 of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title
21 5, United States Code.

22 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Executive Di-
23 rector shall annually submit to the Attorney General a re-
24 port, which shall include—

1 (1) a description of the education and training
2 program developed under subsection (c);

3 (2) the number and demographic representation
4 of individuals who attended programs sponsored by
5 the Center;

6 (3) a description of the extent to which re-
7 sources of other governmental agencies or private
8 entities were used in carrying out subsection (c); and

9 (4) a description of the extent to which con-
10 tracts with other public and private entities were
11 used in carrying out subsection (c).

12 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
14 section—

15 (1) \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 2001; and

16 (2) such sums as may be necessary for each of
17 fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

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