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# S. 2867

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) 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 “Southwest Border Vio-  
5 lence Reduction Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROJECT GUNRUNNER.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall dedi-  
8 cate and expand the resources provided for the Project

1 Gunrunner initiative of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
2 Firearms, and Explosives to identify, investigate, and  
3 prosecute individuals involved in the trafficking of fire-  
4 arms across the international border between the United  
5 States and Mexico.

6 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out this section, the At-  
7 torney General shall—

8 (1) assign additional agents of the Bureau of  
9 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to the  
10 area of the United States adjacent to the inter-  
11 national border between the United States and Mex-  
12 ico to support the expansion of Project Gunrunner  
13 teams;

14 (2) establish not fewer than 1 Project Gun-  
15 runner team in each State along the international  
16 border between the United States and Mexico; and

17 (3) coordinate with the heads of other relevant  
18 Federal law enforcement agencies and State and  
19 local law enforcement agencies to address firearms  
20 trafficking in a comprehensive manner.

21 (c) ADDITIONAL STAFF.—The Attorney General may  
22 hire Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explo-  
23 sives agents for, and otherwise expend additional resources  
24 needed to adequately support, Project Gunrunner.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each  
3 of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to carry out this section.

4 **SEC. 3. ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in coopera-  
6 tion with the Secretary of State, shall—

7 (1) assign agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, To-  
8 bacco, Firearms, and Explosives to the United  
9 States mission in Mexico, to work with Mexican law  
10 enforcement agencies in conducting investigations  
11 relating to firearms trafficking and other criminal  
12 enterprises;

13 (2) provide the equipment and technological re-  
14 sources necessary to support investigations and to  
15 trace firearms recovered in Mexico; and

16 (3) support the training of Mexican law en-  
17 forcement officers in serial number restoration tech-  
18 niques, canine explosive detection, and  
19 antitrafficking tactics.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated \$9,500,000 for each of  
22 fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to carry out this section.

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