

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1292

To amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a National White Collar Crime Center grants program for purposes of improving the identification, investigation, and prosecution of certain criminal conspiracies and activities and terrorist conspiracies and activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. FORBES, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION AND EXPANSION OF NA-**
2 **TIONAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME CENTER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711
5 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating part JJ, as added by sec-
7 tion 952 of Public Law 110–315 (relating to Loan
8 Repayment for Prosecutors and Public Defenders),
9 as part LL, and moving such part so that such part
10 follows part KK;

11 (2) in part LL, as so redesignated and moved
12 by paragraph (1), by redesignating section 3001 as
13 section 3021; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new part:

15 **“PART MM—NATIONAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME**
16 **CENTER GRANTS**

17 **“SEC. 3031. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANTS PROGRAM.**

18 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Director of the Bureau
19 of Justice Assistance is authorized to make grants and
20 enter into contracts with State and local criminal justice
21 agencies and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of
22 improving the identification, investigation, and prosecu-
23 tion of certain criminal activities.

24 “(b) CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES DEFINED.—
25 For purposes of this part, the term ‘certain criminal activ-
26 ity’ means a criminal conspiracy or activity or a terrorist

1 conspiracy or activity that spans jurisdictional boundaries,
2 including the following:

3 “(1) Terrorism.

4 “(2) Economic crime, including financial fraud
5 and mortgage fraud.

6 “(3) High-tech crime, also known as cybercrime
7 or computer crime, including internet-based crime
8 against children and child pornography.

9 “(c) **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY DEFINED.**—For
10 purposes of this part, the term ‘criminal justice agency’,
11 with respect to a State or a unit of local government with-
12 in such State, includes a law enforcement agency, a State
13 regulatory body with criminal investigative authority, and
14 a State or local prosecution office to the extent that such
15 agency, body, or office, respectively, is involved in the pre-
16 vention, investigation, and prosecution of certain criminal
17 activities.

18 **“SEC. 3032. AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS.**

19 “Grants and contracts awarded under this part may
20 be made only for the following programs, with respect to
21 the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of certain
22 criminal activities:

23 “(1) Programs to provide a nationwide support
24 system for State and local criminal justice agencies.

1 “(2) Programs to assist State and local crimi-
2 nal justice agencies to develop, establish, and main-
3 tain intelligence-focused policing strategies and re-
4 lated information sharing.

5 “(3) Programs to provide training and inves-
6 tigative support services to State and local criminal
7 justice agencies to provide such agencies with skills
8 and resources needed to investigate and prosecute
9 such criminal activities and related criminal activi-
10 ties.

11 “(4) Programs to provide research support, to
12 establish partnerships, and to provide other re-
13 sources to aid State and local criminal justice agen-
14 cies to prevent, investigate, and prosecute such
15 criminal activities and related problems.

16 “(5) Programs to provide information and re-
17 search to the general public to facilitate the preven-
18 tion of such criminal activities.

19 “(6) Programs to establish National training
20 and research centers regionally, including within Vir-
21 ginia, Texas, and Michigan, to provide training and
22 research services for State and local criminal justice
23 agencies.

24 “(7) Any other programs specified by the Attor-
25 ney General as furthering the purposes of this part.

1 **“SEC. 3033. APPLICATION.**

2 “To be eligible for an award of a grant or contract
3 under this part, an entity shall submit to the Director of
4 the Bureau of Justice Assistance an application in such
5 form and manner, and containing such information, as re-
6 quired by the Director.

7 **“SEC. 3034. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

8 “The Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance
9 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are nec-
10 essary to carry out this part, including rules and regula-
11 tions for submitting and reviewing applications under sec-
12 tion 3033.”.

13 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**—Section
14 1001(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3793) is amended by add-
15 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

16 “(26) There is authorized to be appropriated to
17 carry out part MM—

18 “(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

19 “(B) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

20 “(C) \$31,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

21 “(D) \$34,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

22 “(E) \$37,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and

23 “(F) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.”.

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