# S. 2076

To improve security at State and local courthouses.

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 7, 2012

Mr. Franken (for himself, Mr. Boozman, and Ms. Klobuchar) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## A BILL

To improve security at State and local courthouses.

- 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 "Local Courthouse Safe-
- 5 ty Act of 2012".
- 6 SEC. 2. PROVIDING LOCAL COURTHOUSES WITH SECURITY
- 7 TRAINING AND ASSESSMENTS.
- 8 The Attorney General, as part of the Preventing Vio-
- 9 lence Against Law Enforcement and Ensuring Officer Re-
- 10 silience and Survivability Initiative (VALOR) of the De-

- 1 partment of Justice, may provide safety training and tech-
- 2 nical assistance to local law enforcement agencies.
- 3 SEC. 3. IMPROVING FLEXIBILITY OF STATES TO USE
- 4 GRANTS TO PROTECT COURTHOUSES.
- 5 (a) State Homeland Security Grant Pro-
- 6 GRAM.—Section 2008(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
- 7 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended—
- 8 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking "and" at the
- 9 end;
- 10 (2) by redesignating paragraph (13) as para-
- 11 graph (14); and
- 12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (12) the fol-
- lowing:
- 14 "(13) improving security at courthouses of a
- 15 State or local government; and".
- 16 (b) Byrne Grants.—Section 501(a)(1)(B) of title
- 17 I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
- 18 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting
- 19 ", including programs to improve security at courthouses"
- 20 before the period.
- 21 SEC. 4. IMPROVING ACCESS OF LOCAL COURTHOUSES TO
- 22 EXCESS FEDERAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT.
- 23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title
- 24 40, United States Code, is amended by adding after sec-
- 25 tion 529 the following:

#### 1 "§ 530. Excess security equipment

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- 2 "(a) Definitions.—In this section—
- "(1) the term 'excess security equipment' means excess property that is used to detect weapons, including metal detectors, wands, and baggage screening devices; and
  - "(2) the term 'qualifying State or local courthouse' means a courthouse of a State or local government that has less security equipment than the security needs of the courthouse require.

#### "(b) Disposal of Excess Security Equipment.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the Administrator of General Services shall ensure that a State or local government has an opportunity to request to receive excess security equipment for use at a qualifying State or local courthouse before the excess security equipment is made available to any other individual or entity under this subchapter.

### "(2) Disposal.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), upon request by a State or local government for excess security equipment for use at a qualifying State or local courthouse, the excess security equipment shall be made available to the State or local government with-

1	out cost, except for any costs of care and han-
2	lling.

3 "(B) MULTIPLE REQUESTS.—If more than 1 State or local government requests a par-4 5 ticular piece of excess security equipment, the excess security equipment shall be distributed 6 7 based on need, as determined by the Administrator of General Services, with priority given 8 9 to a qualifying State or local courthouse that 10 has no security equipment.".

11 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
12 The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United
13 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat14 ing to section 529 the following:

"530. Excess security equipment.".

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