

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3738

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for jurisdictions with high rates of violent crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2019

Mr. COHEN 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safer Streets Act of
5 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“PART NN—GRANTS FOR JURISDICTIONS WITH**
6 **HIGH RATES OF VIOLENT CRIME**

7 **“SEC. 3201. IN GENERAL.**

8 “The Attorney General shall, each fiscal year, make
9 grants to eligible units of local government.

10 **“SEC. 3202. ELIGIBILITY AND INCENTIVES.**

11 “To be eligible for a grant under this part, a unit
12 of local government shall submit to the Attorney General
13 information establishing that the rate of occurrence of vio-
14 lent crime within that unit of local government is 2 times
15 or more the national violent crime rate. Of any amounts
16 made available for grants under this part for a fiscal
17 year—

18 “(1) 50 percent of such amounts shall be for
19 grants, of an equal amount to each, to units of local
20 government for which such rate of occurrence is 4
21 times the national violent crime rate or higher;

22 “(2) 20 percent of such amounts shall be for
23 grants, of an equal amount to each, to units of local
24 government for which such rate of occurrence is 3
25 times the national violent crime rate or higher;

1 “(3) 10 percent of such amounts shall be for
2 grants, of an equal amount to each, to all other eli-
3 gible units of local government; and

4 “(4) remaining amounts shall be for emergency
5 grants to such units of local government as the At-
6 torney General determines appropriate.

7 **“SEC. 3203. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

8 “Not more than 10 percent of a grant made under
9 this part may be used for costs incurred to administer
10 such grant.

11 **“SEC. 3204. USE OF FUNDS.**

12 “Amounts made available as a grant under this part
13 may be used by a grantee for law enforcement purposes
14 including—

15 “(1) hiring additional law enforcement officers;

16 “(2) investing in surveillance equipment; and

17 “(3) prevention programs.

18 **“SEC. 3205. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

19 “Any unit of local government that experiences, for
20 a fiscal year, an increase of 10 percent in the rate of oc-
21 currence in violent crime over the preceding fiscal year,
22 shall be eligible for an additional amount equal to 10 per-
23 cent of the amount otherwise available under this part.

1 **“SEC. 3206. DEFINITION.**

2 “The term ‘violent crime’ has the meaning given that
3 term by the Attorney General for purposes of the Uniform
4 Crime Reporting Program, for the fiscal year during
5 which the grants are made.”.

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