

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8146

AN ACT

To require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Police Our Border
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Our Federal, State, local, and Tribal law
7 enforcement officers put their lives on the line each
8 day in order to protect our country and serve their
9 communities.

10 (2) According to the National Law Enforce-
11 ment Officer Memorial Fund, 136 law enforcement
12 officers died in the line-of-duty in 2023.

13 (3) Congress should do everything in its power
14 to support law enforcement officers at every level
15 and in every part of our nation.

16 (4) The southwest border crisis created by the
17 Biden Administration has made every state a border
18 state.

19 (5) The Biden border crisis has placed a burden
20 on law enforcement agencies across the nation and
21 has placed a significant strain on the resources that
22 are critical to keeping communities safe.

23 (6) Law enforcement officers in every state are
24 put in life-threatening scenarios as a direct result of
25 the open borders.

1 (7) Law enforcement has been forced to deal
2 with the influx of fentanyl and many officers are ex-
3 posed to the drug while on duty.

4 (8) It is in the best interest of law enforcement
5 officers and the communities they serve for Congress
6 to pass, and the President to sign into law, strong
7 border security legislation, and for the President to
8 utilize long standing authorities, including under
9 section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), to secure the southern bor-
11 der.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

13 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress
15 a report on the impact the Biden border crisis is having
16 on law enforcement officers at the Federal, State, local,
17 and Tribal level, including—

18 (1) the estimated dollar amount of all resources
19 devoted to addressing the Biden border crisis, and
20 the extent to which such resources are not available
21 to law enforcement agencies;

22 (2) the exposure of law enforcement officers to
23 fentanyl resulting from encounters with illegal aliens
24 at the border and in the United States, and the na-
25 tionality of each such alien;

1 (3) injuries to law enforcement officers based
2 on a connection to the Biden border crisis or expo-
3 sure to fentanyl;

4 (4) the morale of law enforcement officers;

5 (5) the recruiting impact on hiring law enforce-
6 ment as a result of the Biden border crisis;

7 (6) estimated dollar amount States expended on
8 local law enforcement efforts to investigate, inter-
9 cept, and process, which includes the entire evidence
10 lifecycle, from collection and analysis to storage and
11 final destruction, fentanyl trafficked from the United
12 States border; and

13 (7) how many law enforcement officers have
14 been reassigned and local resources reallocated to in-
15 vestigate, intercept, and process, which includes the
16 entire evidence lifecycle, from collection and analysis
17 to storage and final destruction, fentanyl trafficked
18 from the United States border.

Passed the House of Representatives May 16, 2024.

Attest:

Clerk.

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