

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6185, with An Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6185

To improve security at State and local courthouses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. COBLE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GOWDY, and Mr. AMODEI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURITY TRAINING.**

2 Part D of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
3 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3741 et seq.) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 403. PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW EN-**
6 **FORCEMENT AND ENSURING OFFICER RESIL-**
7 **IENCE AND SURVIVABILITY.**

8 “The Director may carry out a training and technical
9 assistance program designed to teach employees of State,
10 local, and tribal law enforcement agencies how to antici-
11 pate, survive, and respond to violent encounters during the
12 course of their duties, including duties relating to security
13 at State, county, and tribal courthouses. If the Director
14 offers a training program specifically designed to train
15 participants on courthouse security issues, preference for
16 admission into such program shall be given to employees
17 of jurisdictions that have magnetometers available for use
18 at their courthouses.”.

19 **SEC. 3. STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE.**

20 The State Justice Institute Act of 1984 is amended—

21 (1) in section 203(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
22 10702(b)(1)), in the matter preceding subparagraph
23 (A), by inserting “, safe,” after “a fair”; and

24 (2) in section 206 (42 U.S.C. 10705)—

25 (A) in subsection (c)—

26 (i) in paragraph (14)—

1 (I) by inserting “to” before “con-
2 duct”; and

3 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

4 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (15)
5 as paragraph (16); and

6 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (14)
7 the following:

8 “(15) to improve the safety and security of
9 State and local courts; and”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(g) MAGNETOMETERS.—In the case of a grant
12 awarded under this section to be used as described in sub-
13 section (c)(15), if the State or local court applying for the
14 grant does not have magnetometers available for use, not
15 less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 of the matching
16 fund required under subsection (d) of the State or local
17 court shall be used to acquire a magnetometer.”.

18 **SEC. 4. SECURITY EQUIPMENT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 5 of
20 title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding after
21 section 559 the following:

22 **“§ 560. Surplus security equipment for State and
23 local courts**

24 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 “(1) the term ‘surplus security equipment’
2 means surplus property that is used to detect weap-
3 ons, including metal detectors, wands, and baggage
4 screening devices; and

5 “(2) the term ‘qualifying State or local court-
6 house’ means a courthouse of a State or local gov-
7 ernment that has less security equipment than the
8 security needs of the courthouse require.

9 “(b) DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS SECURITY EQUIP-
10 MENT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of this subchapter, the Administrator of
13 General Services shall ensure that a qualifying State
14 or local courthouse has an opportunity to request to
15 receive surplus security equipment for use at the
16 qualifying State or local courthouse before the sur-
17 plus security equipment is made available to any
18 other individual or entity under this subchapter.

19 “(2) DISPOSAL.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
21 graph (B), upon request by a qualifying State
22 or local courthouse for surplus security equip-
23 ment for use at the qualifying State or local
24 courthouse, the surplus security equipment shall
25 be made available to the qualifying State or

1 local courthouse without cost, except for any
2 costs of shipping, handling, and maintenance.

3 “(B) MULTIPLE REQUESTS.—If more than
4 1 qualifying State or local courthouse requests
5 a particular piece of surplus security equip-
6 ment, the surplus security equipment shall be
7 distributed based on need, as determined by the
8 Administrator of General Services, with priority
9 given to a qualifying State or local courthouse
10 that 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 relat-
14 ing to section 559 the following:

“560. Surplus security equipment for State and local courts.”.