

Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 1550, with Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1550

To establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2011

Mr. PIERLUISI (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BARLETTA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN

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Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime, and for other purposes.

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 “Federal Law Enforce-
5 ment Personnel and Resources Allocation Improvement
6 Act of 2012”.

7 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL LAW EN-**
8 **FORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES.**

9 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—In the allocation of Federal law
10 enforcement personnel and resources, the Attorney Gen-
11 eral shall give priority to placing and retaining those per-
12 sonnel and resources in States and local jurisdictions that
13 have a high incidence of homicide or other violent crime,
14 based on records of crime acquired under section 534 of
15 title 28, United States Code, including reports of crime
16 under the system known as the National Uniform Crime
17 Reports, or on the best and most current information oth-
18 erwise available to the Attorney General.

19 (b) **DESIGNATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL OFFI-**
20 **CIAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the Attorney General shall designate an exist-
22 ing official within the Department of Justice—

23 (1) to develop practices and procedures to carry
24 out the requirement established in subsection (a);
25 and

1 (2) to monitor compliance with those practices
2 and procedures by the bureaus, agencies, and other
3 subdivisions of the Department.

4 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General
7 shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations and the
8 Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House
9 of Representatives a report on the implementation of the
10 requirement established in section 2. The report shall, for
11 the year it covers—

12 (1) specify which States and local jurisdictions
13 have a high incidence of homicide or other violent
14 crime;

15 (2) identify the specific steps taken by the At-
16 torney General to implement the requirement with
17 respect to each of those States and local jurisdic-
18 tions; and

19 (3) provide a description of the methodology
20 (including any changes made in that methodology)
21 that the Attorney General has used to determine the
22 total number of authorized Federal law enforcement
23 positions, to allocate those authorized positions
24 among States and local jurisdictions, and to assign
25 personnel to fill those authorized positions.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

3 (1) FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PER-
4 SONNEL.—The term “Federal law enforcement per-
5 sonnel” means law enforcement personnel employed
6 by the Department of Justice, including law enforce-
7 ment personnel in any of the following agencies of
8 the Department:

9 (A) The Drug Enforcement Administra-
10 tion.

11 (B) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

12 (C) The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-
13 arms and Explosives.

14 (D) The United States Marshals Service.

15 (2) LOCAL JURISDICTION.—The term “local ju-
16 risdiction” has the meaning given the term “unit of
17 local government” in section 901(3) of the Omnibus
18 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
19 U.S.C. 3791(3)).

20 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means any
21 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
22 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
23 American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana
24 Islands.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the
Attorney General to give priority in the allocation of Fed-

eral law enforcement personnel and resources to States and local jurisdictions that have a high incidence of homicide or other violent crime.”.