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To establish community-based partnerships to fight crime in public and assisted housing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To establish community-based partnerships to fight crime in public and assisted housing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Partner-
5 ships Against Crime Act”, or “COMPAC”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST CRIME.**

7 (a) CONFORMING PROVISIONS.—(1) Section 5001 of
8 the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 is amended—

9 (A) by striking

“CHAPTER 2—PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION”

10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“CHAPTER 2—COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST CRIME”;

(B) by striking “Congressional findings.” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “Purposes.”; and

(C) by adding after

“Sec. 5130. Authorization of appropriations.”

1 the following:

“Sec. 5131. Technical assistance.”.

2 (2) The heading for chapter 2 of subtitle C of title
3 V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 **“CHAPTER 2—COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**
6 **AGAINST CRIME”.**

7 (b) SHORT TITLE, PURPOSES, AND AUTHORITY TO
8 MAKE GRANTS.—Sections 5121, 5122, and 5123 of the
9 Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of
10 1990 are amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 5121. SHORT TITLE.**

12 “This chapter may be cited as the ‘Community Part-
13 nerships Against Crime Act of 1993’.

14 **“SEC. 5122. PURPOSES.**

15 “The purposes of this chapter are to—

16 “(1) substantially expand and enhance the Fed-
17 eral Government’s commitment to eliminating crime
18 in public housing;

19 “(2) broaden the scope of the Public and As-
20 sisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 to

1 apply to all types of crime, and not simply crime
2 that is drug-related;

3 “(3) target opportunities for long-term commit-
4 ments of funding primarily to public housing agen-
5 cies with serious crime problems;

6 “(4) encourage the involvement of a broad
7 range of community-based groups, and residents of
8 neighboring housing that is owned or assisted by the
9 Secretary, in the development and implementation of
10 anti-crime plans;

11 “(5) reduce crime and disorder in and around
12 public housing through the expansion of community-
13 oriented policing activities and problem solving;

14 “(6) provide training, information services, and
15 other technical assistance to program participants;
16 and

17 “(7) establish a standardized assessment sys-
18 tem to evaluate need among public housing agencies,
19 and to measure progress in reaching crime reduction
20 goals.

21 **“SEC. 5123. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**

22 “The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,
23 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, may
24 make grants, for use in eliminating crime in and around
25 public and other federally assisted low-income housing

1 projects (1) to public housing agencies (including Indian
2 housing authorities) and (2) using amounts appropriated
3 for fiscal year 1994 only, to private, for-profit and non-
4 profit owners of federally assisted low-income housing. In
5 designing the program, the Secretary shall consult with
6 the Attorney General.”.

7 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Section 5124 of such Act
8 is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(a) PUBLIC AND ASSISTED
10 HOUSING.—”;

11 (2) by inserting in the introductory material,
12 immediately after “used in”, the following: “and
13 around”;

14 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting immediately
15 before the semicolon the following: “, such as fenc-
16 ing, lighting, locking, and surveillance systems”;

17 (4) by striking paragraph (4)(A) and inserting
18 in lieu thereof the following new subparagraph:

19 “(A) to investigate crime; and”;

20 (5) in paragraph (6)—

21 (A) by striking “in and around public or
22 other federally assisted low-income housing
23 projects”; and

24 (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

25 (6) in paragraph (7)—

1 (A) by striking “where a public housing
2 agency receives a grant,”;

3 (B) by striking “drug abuse” and inserting
4 in lieu thereof “crime”; and

5 (C) by striking the period at the end and
6 inserting in lieu thereof a colon;

7 (7) by adding the following new paragraphs
8 after paragraph (7):

9 “(8) the employment or utilization of one or
10 more individuals, including law enforcement officers,
11 made available by contract or other cooperative ar-
12 rangement with State or local law enforcement agen-
13 cies, to engage in community- and problem-oriented
14 policing involving interaction with members of the
15 community on proactive crime control and preven-
16 tion;

17 “(9) youth initiatives, such as activities involv-
18 ing training, education, after school programs, cul-
19 tural programs, recreation and sports, career plan-
20 ning, and entrepreneurship and employment; and

21 “(10) resident service programs, such as job
22 training, education programs, and other appropriate
23 social services which address the contributing factors
24 of crime.”; and

25 (8) by striking subsection (b).

1 (d) APPLICATIONS.—Section 5125 of such Act is
2 amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) by adding the paragraph designation
5 “(1)” immediately after “IN GENERAL.—”;

6 (B) in the first sentence, by striking “, a
7 public housing resident management corpora-
8 tion,”;

9 (C) in the second sentence, by striking
10 “drug-related crime on the premises of” and in-
11 serting in lieu thereof the following: “crime in
12 and around”; and

13 (D) by adding the following new para-
14 graphs at the end:

15 “(2) The Secretary shall, by regulation issued
16 after notice and opportunity for public comment, set
17 forth criteria for establishing a class of public hous-
18 ing agencies that have especially severe crime prob-
19 lems. Any public housing agency within this class
20 may submit an application for a one-year grant
21 under this chapter that, subject to the availability of
22 appropriated amounts, shall be renewed for a period
23 not exceeding the four subsequent years: *Provided,*
24 That the Secretary finds, after an annual or more
25 frequent performance review, that the public housing

1 agency is performing under the terms of the grant
2 and applicable laws in a satisfactory manner and
3 meets such other requirements as the Secretary may
4 prescribe.

5 “(3) Any eligible applicant may submit an ap-
6 plication for a grant for a period of up to two years.
7 The Secretary may accord a preference to applica-
8 tions seeking a subsequent grant under this para-
9 graph if the grant is to be used to continue or ex-
10 pand activities assisted under a previous grant under
11 this paragraph and the Secretary finds that the ap-
12 plicant’s program under the prior grant is being
13 managed soundly and demonstrates success. Any
14 preferences under the preceding sentence shall not
15 unreasonably prejudice the opportunities of other
16 public housing agencies to be awarded grants under
17 this paragraph.”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in the introductory material, by strik-
20 ing “subsections (c) and (d)” and inserting in
21 lieu thereof “subsections (a) and (c)”;

22 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “drug-re-
23 lated crime problem in” and inserting in lieu
24 thereof the following: “crime problem in and
25 around”;

1 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting imme-
2 diately after “crime problem in” the following:
3 “and around”; and

4 (D) in paragraph (4), by inserting after
5 “local government” the following: “, local com-
6 munity-based non-profit organizations, local
7 resident organizations that represent the resi-
8 dents of neighboring projects that are owned or
9 assisted by the Secretary,”;

10 (3) in subsection (c)(2) by striking “drug-relat-
11 ed” the two places it appears; and

12 (4) by striking subsection (d).

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Section 5126 of such Act is
14 amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2), and renum-
15 bering paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (1) and (2),
16 respectively.

17 (f) IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 5127 of such Act is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **“SEC 5127. IMPLEMENTATION.**

20 “The Secretary shall issue regulations to implement
21 this chapter within 180 days of the enactment of the Com-
22 munity Partnerships Against Crime Act.”.

23 (g) REPORTS.—Section 5128 of such Act is amended
24 by striking “drug-related crime in” and inserting in lieu
25 thereof the following: “crime in and around”.

1 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
2 5130 of such Act is amended—

3 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by
4 striking “\$175,000,000 for fiscal year 1993” and all
5 that follows and inserting in lieu thereof:
6 “\$265,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and
7 \$325,000,000 for fiscal year 1995.”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) by striking “SET-ASIDES” and insert-
10 ing in lieu thereof “SET-ASIDE”;

11 (B) by striking the first sentence;

12 (C) by striking “drug elimination”;

13 (D) by striking “fiscal years 1993 and
14 1994”; and

15 (E) by striking “and 5.0 percent” and all
16 that follows through the end of the sentence
17 and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and

18 (3) by striking subsection (c) and section
19 520(k) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Afford-
20 able Housing Act.

21 (i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Such Act is further
22 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
23 section:

1 **“SEC. 5131. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

2 “Of the amounts appropriated annually for each of
3 fiscal years 1994 and 1995 to carry out this chapter, the
4 Secretary is authorized to use up to \$10,000,000, directly
5 or indirectly, under grants, contracts, cooperative agree-
6 ments, or otherwise, to provide training, information serv-
7 ices, and other technical assistance to public housing agen-
8 cies and other entities with respect to their participation
9 in the program authorized by this chapter. Such technical
10 assistance may include the establishment and operation of
11 the clearinghouse on drug abuse in public housing and the
12 regional training program on drug abuse in public housing
13 under sections 5143 and 5144 of this Act. The Secretary
14 is also authorized to use the foregoing amounts for obtain-
15 ing assistance in establishing and managing assessment
16 and evaluation criteria and specifications, and obtaining
17 the opinions of experts in relevant fields.”.

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