

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2944

To require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefit program, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. 3. AGE LIMITATION FOR CHILDREN.**

3 Section 1212(c) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
4 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796d-1(e))
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “No child” and inserting the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
9 no child”; and

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

11 “(2) DELAYED APPROVALS.—

12 “(A) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE APPLICA-
13 TION.—If a claim for assistance under this sub-

1 part is approved more than 1 year after the
2 date on which the application for such assist-
3 ance is filed with the Attorney General, the age
4 limitation under this subsection shall be ex-
5 tended by the length of the period—

6 “(i) beginning on the day after the
7 date that is 1 year after the date on which
8 the application is filed; and

9 “(ii) ending on the date on which the
10 application is approved.

11 “(B) CLAIM FOR BENEFITS FOR DEATH OR
12 PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY.—In addi-
13 tion to an extension under subparagraph (A), if
14 any, for an application for assistance under this
15 subpart that relates to a claim for benefits
16 under subpart 1 that was approved more than
17 1 year after the date on which the claim was
18 filed with the Attorney General, the age limita-
19 tion under this subsection shall be extended by
20 the length of the period—

21 “(i) beginning on the day after the
22 date that is 1 year after the date on which
23 the claim for benefits is submitted; and

24 “(ii) ending on the date on which the
25 claim for benefits is approved.”.

1 **SEC. 4. DUE DILIGENCE IN PAYING BENEFIT CLAIMS.**

2 Subpart 1 of part L of title I of the Omnibus Crime
3 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796
4 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 1206. DUE DILIGENCE IN PAYING BENEFIT CLAIMS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau, with all due dili-
7 gence, shall expeditiously attempt to obtain the informa-
8 tion and documentation necessary to adjudicate a benefit
9 claim filed under this part, including a claim for financial
10 assistance under subpart 2.

11 “(b) SUFFICIENT INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE.—If
12 a benefit claim filed under this part, including a claim for
13 financial assistance under subpart 2, is unable to be adju-
14 dicated by the Bureau because of a lack of information
15 or documentation from a third party, such as a public
16 agency, the Bureau may not abandon the benefit claim
17 unless the Bureau has utilized the investigative tools avail-
18 able to the Bureau to obtain the necessary information
19 or documentation, including subpoenas.”.

20 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall—

22 (1) take effect on the date of enactment of this
23 Act; and

24 (2) apply to any benefit claim or application
25 under part L of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-

1 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796
2 et seq.) that is—

3 (A) pending before the Bureau of Justice
4 Assistance on the date of enactment; or

5 (B) received by the Bureau on or after the
6 date of enactment of this Act.