

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require that the Bureau of Justice Assistance use due diligence in obtaining the information necessary to pay out benefits under the Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program.

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. DUE DILIGENCE IN PAYING BENEFIT CLAIMS.**

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

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

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

1 “(b) SUFFICIENT INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE.—If
2 a benefit claim filed under this part, including a claim for
3 financial assistance under subpart 2, is unable to be adju-
4 dicated by the Bureau because of a lack of information
5 or documentation from a third party, such as a public
6 agency, the Bureau may not abandon the benefit claim
7 unless the Bureau has utilized the investigative tools avail-
8 able to the Bureau to obtain the necessary information
9 or documentation, including subpoenas.”.