

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To direct the Attorney General to establish a single grant program to make grants to hire prosecutors, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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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 “Helping Improve Re-  
5 cruitment and Retention Efforts for Prosecutors Act of  
6 2025” or as the “HIRRE Prosecutors Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS FOR PROSECUTORS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General

1 shall establish a program (in this Act referred to as the  
2 “Program”) to assist a State, territory, unit of local gov-  
3 ernment, or tribal government in hiring prosecutors.

4 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the Pro-  
5 gram, the Attorney General may award a grant on a com-  
6 petitive basis in accordance with this section.

7 (c) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The Attorney General  
8 may award a grant under the Program each year to a  
9 prosecutor’s office of a State, territory, unit of local gov-  
10 ernment, or tribal government that submits an application  
11 pursuant to subsection (d).

12 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under  
13 the Program, an eligible recipient shall submit to the At-  
14 torney General an application in such form, at such time,  
15 and containing such information as the Attorney General  
16 determines to be appropriate.

17 (e) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—Grant funds awarded  
18 under the Program may only be used to hire, retain, and  
19 train prosecutors or support staff for a prosecutor’s office  
20 of a State, territory, unit of local government, or tribal  
21 government.

22 (f) USE OF COMPONENTS.—The Attorney General  
23 may use any component of the Department of Justice in  
24 carrying out this section.

1 (g) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF APPLICA-  
2 TIONS FOR CERTAIN GRANTS.—In awarding grants under  
3 this section, the Attorney General may give preferential  
4 consideration to an application—

5 (1) to hire and train new prosecutors or sup-  
6 port staff for a prosecutor's office of a State, terri-  
7 tory, unit of local government, or tribal government;  
8 and

9 (2) to rehire prosecutors who have been laid off  
10 as a result of State, territory, unit of local govern-  
11 ment, or tribal government budget reductions; and

12 (3) from a jurisdiction representing a tribal, re-  
13 mote, or rural area, as defined in section 40002(a)  
14 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34  
15 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

16 (h) FEDERAL SHARE.—

17 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.— The Federal share of  
18 the cost of a project assisted with a grant under the  
19 Program shall not exceed 75 percent.

20 (2) WAIVER.—The Attorney General may waive  
21 the 25 percent matching requirement under para-  
22 graph (1) upon making a determination that a waiv-  
23 er is equitable in view of the financial circumstances  
24 affecting the ability of the eligible recipient to meet  
25 that requirement.

1           (3) NONSUPPLANTING REQUIREMENT.—Funds  
2       made available under the Program shall not be used  
3       to supplant State or local funds, or, in the case of  
4       Indian tribal governments, funds awarded by the  
5       Bureau of Indian Affairs, but shall be used to in-  
6       crease the amount of funds that would, in the ab-  
7       sence of Federal funds received under the Program,  
8       be made available from State or local sources, or in  
9       the case of Indian tribal governments, from funds  
10      supplied by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

11           (4) NON-FEDERAL COSTS.—

12           (A) IN GENERAL.—A State or unit of local  
13      or tribal government may use assets received  
14      through the assets forfeiture equitable sharing  
15      program.

16           (B) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—  
17      Funds appropriated by Congress for the activi-  
18      ties of any agency of an Indian tribal govern-  
19      ment or the Bureau of Indian Affairs per-  
20      forming prosecutorial functions on any Indian  
21      lands may be used to provide the non-Federal  
22      share of the cost of programs or projects fund-  
23      ed under this section.

24           (i) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.—

1           (1) MONITORING COMPONENTS.—Each project  
2 funded by a grant under the Program shall contain  
3 a monitoring component, including the systematic  
4 identification and collection of data about activities,  
5 accomplishments, and programs undertaken pursu-  
6 ant to the Program.

7           (2) EVALUATION COMPONENTS.—The Attorney  
8 General shall evaluate each project funded by a  
9 grant under the Program, individually or as part of  
10 a national evaluation.

11          (3) PERIODIC REVIEW AND REPORTS.—The At-  
12 torney General may require a project funded under  
13 the Program to submit to the Attorney General the  
14 results of the monitoring component and evaluation  
15 under paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, as well  
16 as any other information as the Attorney General  
17 deems necessary.

18          (4) REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF FUND-  
19 ING.—If the Attorney General determines, as a re-  
20 sult of evaluation under this subsection, or other-  
21 wise, that a grant under the Program is not in sub-  
22 stantial compliance with the terms and requirements  
23 of the Program, the Attorney General may revoke or  
24 suspend funding of that grant, in whole or in part.

1       (j) GENERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The Attor-  
2   ney General may promulgate regulations and guidelines  
3   to carry out this section.

4       (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
5   are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Pro-  
6   gram \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2026  
7   through 2030.