

# Local Law Enforcement Support Act of 2026

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## Summary

The One, Big, Beautiful Bill (OBBB) provides a generational investment for law enforcement throughout the country. State and local police departments need to have maximum flexibility for these crucial resources to best address shortfalls unique to different department budgets and to modernize investigative capabilities that will keep our communities safe and put criminals behind bars.

The *Local Law Enforcement Support Act* provides this enhanced flexibility to our law enforcement and police departments, giving them the ability and opportunity to deploy these funds where the officers need them most.

## Background

Under current law, DOJ may use OBBB funds to provide additional resources for the Byrne JAG Grant Program and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program only for initiatives associated with (1) investigating and prosecuting violent crime, (2) criminal enforcement initiatives, and (3) immigration enforcement and removal efforts.

**The *Local Law Enforcement Support Act* provides additional initiatives that police departments may choose to invest in to meet the various challenges facing our officers.**

Specifically, this bill expands the list of initiatives to include:

- (1) Recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining law enforcement personnel
- (2) Acquiring protective equipment for law enforcement personnel
- (3) Increasing capacity to combat digital crimes and support cyber investigations
- (4) Supporting the use of drone and counter-drone law enforcement operations
- (5) Expanding the availability of forensic technologies and investigative equipment
- (6) Enhancing communication with and providing services to victims of violent crime

## Supporting Groups

### *National*

Major County Sheriffs of America  
Major Cities Chiefs Association  
National Sheriffs' Association  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies  
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition  
National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Directors Association

### *Missouri*

St. Louis County Police Association  
Missouri Police Chiefs Legislative Coalition  
Missouri Sheriffs Association