

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Keep Violent Criminals
5 Off Our Streets Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANTS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.**

2 Section 502 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
3 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in the matter designated as subsection (A),
6 by striking “(A) IN GENERAL” and inserting “(a) IN
7 GENERAL”; and

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

9 “(c) INELIGIBILITY.—

10 “(1) COVERED OFFENSE DEFINED.—In this
11 subsection, the term ‘covered offense’ means a crimi-
12 nal offense that poses a clear threat to public safety
13 and order, including—

14 “(A) an offense involving a violent or sex-
15 ual act, such as murder, rape, sexual assault,
16 carjacking, robbery, burglary, and assault; and

17 “(B) an offense that promote public dis-
18 order, such as looting, vandalism, destruction of
19 property, rioting or inciting to riot, or fleeing
20 from a law enforcement officer.

21 “(2) PROHIBITION.—With respect to the fiscal
22 year beginning on the first October 1 occurring after
23 the date of enactment of the Keep Violent Criminals
24 Off Our Streets Act, and each fiscal year thereafter,
25 the Attorney General may not award, renew, or ex-
26 tend a grant under this subpart to a State or unit

1 of local government that has in effect a policy or law
2 that substantially limits cash bail as a potential con-
3 dition for every individual charged with a covered of-
4 fense in the State or the area under the jurisdiction
5 of the unit of local government.”.