

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 384

To establish counseling programs for disabled police officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

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. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) disabled police officers, retired as a result of
6 employment-related injuries, face the problems of
7 acclimating to civilian life, coping with uncertainty
8 regarding future employment and income, and learn-
9 ing to live with disabilities;

10 (2) with appropriate career counseling, training
11 and education programs, scholarship programs, dis-

1 abled police officers can obtain meaningful employ-
2 ment;

3 (3) such officers who are severely disabled may
4 be able to cope with the pain and depression that re-
5 sults from their disabilities if they receive individual,
6 family, or group therapy; and

7 (4) many disabled police officers do not seek
8 necessary counseling services unless such services
9 charge minimal or no fees.

10 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS.**

11 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—(1) The Attorney Gen-
12 eral may make grants in accordance with this Act to the
13 Disabled Police Officers Counseling Center, Incorporated,
14 Brandywine, Maryland, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organiza-
15 tion, for the purpose of assisting the Disabled Police Offi-
16 cers Counseling Center in providing free services to retired
17 disabled police officers and such officers immediate family
18 members.

19 (2) For purposes of this Act, the term “retired dis-
20 abled police officer” means a Federal, State, county, or
21 city law enforcement officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, troop-
22 er, corrections officer, police officer, or special agent who
23 has become disabled and is retired or will be retired from
24 such law enforcement agency as a result of employment-
25 related injuries.

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants under this Act shall be
2 used only to provide free counseling services at not more
3 than 8 locations in the United States to retired disabled
4 police officers and such officers immediate family mem-
5 bers who participate in the program described in sub-
6 section (a).

7 **SEC. 3. APPLICATIONS.**

8 (a) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—No grant under this
9 Act may be made except upon application at such time,
10 in such manner, and accompanied by such information as
11 the Attorney General may reasonably require.

12 (b) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each such appli-
13 cation shall contain provisions to assure that—

14 (1) grants will be used to establish not more
15 than 8 counseling centers throughout the United
16 States; and

17 (2) centers established with funds provided
18 under this Act shall make every attempt to coordi-
19 nate any additional necessary or appropriate services
20 for retired disabled police officers.

21 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

22 The Director of the Disabled Police Officers Counsel-
23 ing Center shall submit a report to the Attorney General
24 not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment
25 of this Act regarding the number of retired disabled police

1 officers served and the effectiveness of services at the cen-
2 ters established with funds provided under this Act.

3 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000
5 for fiscal year 1994 to carry out this Act.

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