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Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018 (S. 2703/ H.R. 3249)	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)/ Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA)	Authorizes funding for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant program	Monitoring	House Judiciary
Justice Served Act of 2018 (S. 2345/H.R. 4854)	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)/ Rep. John Carter (R-TX)	Directs additional funding under the Debbie Smith Act grant program to support state and local prosecutors' efforts to resolve cold cases with backlogged DNA evidence	Support	House Judiciary
Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act of 2017 (S. 1593)	Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)	Reforms pretrial detention and money bail systems	Monitoring	Senate Judiciary
Safer Officers and Safer Citizens Act (S. 1280)	Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)	Grant program to assist agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras	Support	Senate Judiciary
Police Reporting Information, Data, and Evidence (PRIDE) Act (S. 1258)	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)	Requires states to report to DOJ instances of police use of force in order to receive grant funding	Monitoring	Senate Judiciary
Gun Violence Prevention Order Act (S. 1212/H.R. 2598)	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)	Establishes grant program to assist states in implementing and enforcing gun violence prevention orders	Monitoring	Senate Judiciary, House Judiciary
Lifesaving Gear for Police Act (S. 1087)	Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	Allows sale or donation of excess federal property to state and local agencies	Support	Senate Homeland Security

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Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act (S. 1185)	Sen. Pat Leahy (D-VT)	Makes straw purchases a federal crime and creates penalties for persons who knowingly transfer a firearm to be used in a crime	Support	Senate Judiciary
Protect Our Heroes Act (S. 1175)	Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	Creates new federal crimes for actions targeting federal judges, federal law enforcement officers, and state and local officers	Support	Senate Judiciary
Back the Blue Act (S. 1134/H.R. 2437)	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX)	Creates new federal crimes for actions targeting law enforcement officers and allows officers to carry firearms on federal property	Support	Senate Judiciary, House Judiciary
Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse (S. 534/H.R. 1973)	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN)	Requires coaches to report suspected abuse of young athletes, mandates training for those adults, and directs amateur athletic organizations to develop new policies	Support	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar, Passed House
Honoring Hometown Heroes Act (S. 1108/H.R. 1892)	Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), Rep. John Larson (D-CT)	Permits governors to order flags lowered to half-staff when a public safety officer dies in the line of duty	Support	Senate Judiciary, Passed House

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Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act (S. 904/H.R. 1616)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX)	Establishes congressional oversight of the National Computer Forensics Institute and expands education and training for state and local agencies	Support	Senate Judiciary, Passed House
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act (S. 860)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Reauthorizes and improves DOJ juvenile justice programs	Active Support	Passed Senate
Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (S. 867/H.R. 2228)	Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN)	Establishes and enhances mental health services for law enforcement	Support	Passed Senate, House Judiciary
Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (S. 178)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Combats abuse and exploitation of seniors	Support	Passed Senate
Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism (REPORT) Act (S. 1884/H.R. 625)	Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA)	Agencies investigating acts of terrorism must submit report to Congress	Support	Passed House
Record Expungement Designed to Enhance Employment (REDEEM) Act (S. 827)	Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	Creates federal sealing pathway for records of non-violent adult ex-offenders and juveniles	Monitoring	Senate Judiciary
PROTECT Immigration Act (S. 303/H.R. 1236)	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)	Prevents state and local law enforcement from enforcing federal immigration law	Monitoring	Senate Judiciary, House Judiciary

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Hearing Protection Act (S. 59/H.R. 367)	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID), Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC)	Eliminates certain restrictions on firearm silencer purchases	Monitoring	House Judiciary, Senate Finance
Social Security Fairness Act (S. 915/ H.R. 1205)	Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)	Pension Reform	Support	House Ways & Means, Senate Finance
Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvement Act (S. 419)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program	Support	Signed into law on June 2
Email Privacy Act (S. 1654, H.R. 387)	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS)	Updates and amends ECPA	Oppose in current form	Passed House; Senate Judiciary
Rapid DNA Act (S. 139/H.R. 510)	Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)	Addresses DNA analysis backlog	Support	Signed into law on August 18
S. 52	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	To make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief	Support	Senate Judiciary
Trafficking Victims Protection Act (S. 1312)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Extends number of programs to support trafficking victims; promotes training for SROs to identify and assist victims	Support	Passed Senate, Referred to House Judiciary

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Abolish Human Trafficking Act (S. 1311)	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	Enhances penalties for human trafficking and extends Domestic Trafficking Victims Fund	Support	Passed Senate, Referred to House Judiciary
Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act of 2017 (S. 1693/H.R. 1865)	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO)	Clarifies that current law does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of federal and state criminal and civil law relating to human trafficking	Support	Senate Commerce, House Judiciary
Reverse Mass Incarceration Act of 2017 (S. 1458/H.R. 3845)	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA)	Creates new State Prison Population Reduction grant program for \$2 billion per year	Monitor	Senate Judiciary, House Judiciary
Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act (S. 842/H.R. 1905)	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD)	Prohibits federal agencies from requesting applicant's criminal history before applicant receives conditional offer	Monitor	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, House Judiciary
Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (S. 1917)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Recalibrates sentences for nonviolent offenders, helps inmates reenter society	Support	Senate Judiciary
The School Training, Equipment, and Protection (STEP) Act of 2018 (H.R. 5307)	Rep. Stephen Knight (R-CA)	Would make \$50,000,000 in federal education funds available for school safety equipment and activities, including certain state and local law enforcement agency activities	Support	House Education and the Workforce

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Protect America's Schools Act of 2018 (H.R. 5185)	Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)	Would provide \$1.5 billion in supplemental appropriations for the Cops in Schools program for fiscal year 2018, offsetting the extra cost by cutting NOAA funding by \$1.5 billion	Neutral	House Appropriations
The Preventing Swatting and Protecting our Communities Act of 2018 / the Andrew T. Finch Memorial Act of 2018 (H.R. 5204)	Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS)	Would amend federal criminal law to enhance penalties for false communications to cause an emergency response	Monitoring	House Education and Workforce; House Judiciary
Urban Progress Act of 2018 (H.R. 5164)	Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL)	Would establish a wide range of urban economic assistance and crime reduction programs, some of which would be related to law enforcement	Monitoring	House Agriculture Committee
Securing Children in Schools Act of 2018 (H.R. 5135)	Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX)	Would provide for additional grants for school security screening equipment, such as metal detectors	Neutral	House Judiciary
Hire Our Heroes to Protect Our Schools (H.R. 5139)	Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)	Reauthorizes the grant program for school security in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968— focused on the assignment of additional school resource officers, priority given to law enforcement officers who are veterans/ retired law enforcement officers who have returned to service	Support	House Judiciary

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The Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gilbert Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act of 2018 (H.R. 5060)	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)	Would increase death, disability, and education benefit amounts under the Public Safety Officers' Benefit (PSOB) Program and modify certain aspects of the program in an effort to ensure beneficiaries receive the full amounts to which they are entitled	Support	House Judiciary
Immigrant Witness and Victim Protection Act (H.R. 5058)	Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	Eliminates the U Visa cap; Prohibits ICE from targeting aliens who cooperate with law enforcement in investigations and prosecutions (with certain exceptions)	Support	House Judiciary
LEOSA Training Extension Act (H.R. 4896)	Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)	Allows states to reduce firearm training standards from every 12 months to up to every 36 months	Support	House Judiciary
STOP School Violence Act of 2018 (H.R. 4909)	Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL)	Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to revise and reauthorize through FY2028 the Secure Our Schools grant program.	Support	House Judiciary
Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (H.R. 4846)	Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI)	Establishes minimum requirements for state laws governing collective bargaining for public safety officers.	Support	House Education and Workforce

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Good Neighbor Gun Dealer Act (H.R. 2784)	Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)	Establishes a voluntary code of conduct to help gun dealers make safe, legal sales	Monitoring	House Judiciary
Protecting Officers of the Law in Civilian Establishments (POLICE) Act (H.R. 2561)	Rep. Trey Hollingsworth (R-IN)	Permits uniformed officers to carry agency firearms in Level I and II federal civilian public access facilities	Support	House Judiciary
Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children (H.R. 1808)	Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)	Aims to enhance effectiveness of National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and encourages collaboration with state agencies	Support	Passed House
Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 1809)	Rep. Jason Lewis (R-MN)	Reauthorizes funding for DOJ’s Juvenile Justice and Prevention Program and expands state requirements	Support	Passed House
Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38)	Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC)	Allows concealed carry permit holders to carry in other states	Monitoring	House Judiciary
Camera Accountability and Maintenance Transparency in Policing Act (H.R. 124)	Rep. Al Green (D-TX)	Establishes grant program for acquisition, operation, and maintenance of BWCs	Monitoring	House Judiciary
Reducing Gangs and Recidivism Act (H.R. 2614)	Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA)	Requires DOJ to establish metrics and standards to measure and report on effectiveness of anti-gang programs	Support	House Judiciary

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Community-Based Gang Intervention Act (H.R. 1924)	Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA)	To make community-based gang intervention agencies eligible to receive JJDPAs grants	Monitoring	House Education and Workforce
Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act (H.R. 3697)	Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA)	Allow detainment and deportation of undocumented immigrants associated with known gangs and makes them ineligible for immigration benefits	Monitoring	Passed House, Referred to Senate Judiciary
Corey Jones Act (H.R. 158)	Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)	Prohibits plainclothes officers in unmarked cars	Oppose	House Judiciary
Checkpoint Safety Act (H.R. 550)	Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY)	Allows armed officers near airport gates	Support	House Homeland Security