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To authorize matching funds for State and local firearm buy-back programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 1994

Mr. WELDON (for himself and Mr. HOLDEN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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buy-back programs.

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 “Federal Firearm Buy-
5 Back Initiative Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MATCHING FUNDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL FIRE-**
7 **ARM BUY-BACK PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—The Attorney Gen-
9 eral shall establish a program under which the Attorney
10 General will enter into agreements to contribute, and will
11 contribute, up to 50 percent of the funds needed to provide

1 merchandise, certificates that may be used to acquire mer-
2 chandise or services, or other non-cash incentives to indi-
3 viduals to turn in firearms to firearm buy-back programs
4 operated by State or local governments or private entities
5 (or to individuals who provide information to local law en-
6 forcement agencies that leads to the arrest and conviction
7 of an individual or individuals who have committed a crime
8 with the use of a firearm).

9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS.—In
10 an agreement under subsection (a), the Attorney Gen-
11 eral—

12 (1) may agree to contribute to a firearm buy-
13 back program an amount that is not greater than
14 the amount of State and local public funds and pri-
15 vate funds committed to the program at the time of
16 the agreement;

17 (2) shall require that all firearms that are
18 turned in to the program will be destroyed;

19 (3) shall require that the program agree to pro-
20 vide only merchandise, certificates that may be used
21 to acquire merchandise or services, or other incen-
22 tives other than cash to individuals who turn in fire-
23 arms; and

24 (4)(A) may set such other qualifications, terms,
25 and conditions as may be appropriate to ensure that

1 the program is operated in an efficient and bona fide
2 manner consistent with the interests of law enforce-
3 ment; but

4 (B) may not prescribe the terms under which
5 the program will accept firearms in exchange for any
6 offered incentive.

7 (c) TERMINATION.—The program under subsection
8 (a) shall terminate on September 30, 1995.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
11 out of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund to be es-
12 tablished under section 1115 of title 31, United States
13 Code, as added by section 1353 of the Violent Crime Con-
14 trol and Law Enforcement Act of 1993, \$15,000,000 for
15 each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

16 (e) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 1995, the
17 Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report assess-
18 ing the effect that operation of the firearm buy-back pro-
19 grams funded under this Act has had in reducing the inci-
20 dence of crime in the jurisdictions in which the programs
21 were operated.

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