



COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

H.R. 6548, the “DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act”

***As Introduced by Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson
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Endorsed by the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), National Border Patrol Council (NBPC), Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), Blue H.E.L.P. & American Psychological Association (APA)

H.R. 6548, the DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act establishes the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Resiliency Program within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide a comprehensive approach to mental health and wellness for Department officers and agents. Law enforcement officers’ exposure to multiple traumas throughout their careers increases suicidal risk.¹ According to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) data, 150 law enforcement officers have committed suicide since 2022—the year FBI started collecting such data.² Within DHS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported 102 suicides within its ranks—during the last decade.³ Thus far in 2025, eight more CBP officers and agents have been lost to suicide.⁴ DHS law enforcement personnel need to be able to access an enhanced mental health program, free of judgement, in conjunction with their workplace health insurance program.

The **DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act** directs DHS to address the mental health and wellness of its law enforcement personnel in a comprehensive manner that improves care and reduces the stigma associated with seeking help. The bill requires DHS components to prioritize mental health and wellness programs that, among other things, provide

¹ Danielle Rousseau, *Trauma and Suicide within Law Enforcement*, BOSTON UNIVERSITY (Mar. 2, 2023), <https://sites.bu.edu/daniellerousseau/2023/03/02/trauma-and-suicide-within-law-enforcement/>.

² Federal Bureau of Investigation, Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection, <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr/law-enforcement-suicide-data-collection> (accessed Nov. 17, 2025).

³ Data provided to the Committee on Homeland Security by the National Treasury Employees Union (Nov. 14, 2025).

⁴ *Id.*

adequate resources for law enforcement-specific mental health, well-being, resilience, and suicide prevention programs and research.

Specifically, the Act requires the Department to:

- Conduct data collection and research on mental health, suicides, and attempted suicides, of DHS law enforcement personnel and participate in Federal reporting of incidents of suicide within its law enforcement workforce;
- Promote education and training to raise mental health awareness and provide support to supervisors, clinicians, care-givers, peer support members, and chaplains;
- Establish a Peer-to-Peer Support Program Advisory Council to evaluate individual DHS component peer support programs and provide for the sharing of trained peer support personnel, chaplains, and other peer-to-peer personnel across DHS components;
- Implement suicide awareness and law enforcement resiliency training for law enforcement officers and agents as well as their families; and
- Promote a culture that reduces the stigma of seeking mental health assistance and revise policies that inadvertently deter law enforcement personnel from seeking help.

H.R. 6548, the DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act seeks to ensure that DHS law enforcement officers and agents can access mental health support and resources without having their careers adversely impacted. Effective implementation of this Act is critical to addressing the morale and retention challenges within DHS's law enforcement workforce. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI), Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Josh Hawley (R-MO) introduced companion legislation in the Senate.