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Omnibus Legislation FOP Supported

The omnibus for FY18 included four pieces of legislation that the FOP not only supported but pushed to be included. They are as follows:

H.R. 949/S.597, the “Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act,” which would eliminate the expected family contribution for a child of a fallen public safety officer for Pell grants.

H.R. 695/S. 705, the “Child Protection Improvements Act,” which would allow organizations that serve children and the elderly to use the FBI database to conduct background checks on potential employees.

S. 2495, the “Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act,” which reauthorizes and expands the Secure Our Schools program.

H.R. 4477/S.2135, the “Fix NICS Act,” which would require all Federal agencies and States to produce NICS implementation plans focused on uploading accurate, required information to the background check system.

Senator Casey thanked the FOP for our efforts in pushing the “Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act” for inclusion into the omnibus language. The Senate version of the “Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act” passed the Senate by unanimous consent in the 114th and 115th Congress. Both times the bill has stalled in the House because of then Chairman Kline and current Chairman Foxx. After numerous meetings with House and Senate leadership and letters to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the bill was included into the omnibus language.

On the “STOP School Violence Act,” the FOP was instrumental in crafting a compromise between H.R. 4909 and S.2495, the “STOP School Violence Act,” which reauthorizes and expands the Secure Our Schools program. The FOP did not support the House bill, which had already passed the House, because it would have stripped the program out of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and moved it into the Office of Justice Programs. The FOP instead backed S. 2495, which was introduced by Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT), that would preserve the program in COPS while making the same reauthorization and expansions. The FOP engaged in exhaustive negotiations with senior staff in the offices of the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker and Senator Hatch to craft a compromise for inclusion into the omnibus appropriations measure. The reauthorized Secure Our Schools program will remain in the COPS office and draw funding from the OJP’s Comprehensive School Safety Initiative. The expansions to the program will be housed in OJP using the same funding source.