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Photo of the Week: House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) speaks with reporters as he walks to a vote at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, on July 23, 2026.

Weekly Update and Analysis

July 24, 2026

Brooks Bawden Moore's Weekly Update and Analysis highlights congressional, administrative, and regulatory activity related to justice, public safety, and homeland security. Feel free to reach out to us if you would like to discuss any items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

What Happened This Week?

The Senate has about two weeks before the August recess and is expected to focus on key priorities, including Todd Blanche's Attorney General nomination, a possible short-term extension of FISA Section 702, government funding, and other legislative issues. Action on the Clarity Act appears unlikely before recess due to limited floor time, while the Senate Commerce Committee has delayed consideration of children's online safety and AI legislation until early August.

BBM will continue monitoring these developments and provide updates on issues affecting the public safety community. Check out further details below on high priority public safety items.

Grant Developments

- [New DOJ Grant Opportunities Available](#)
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Appropriations and Spending Negotiations

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Administration Updates and FISA Reauthorization

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Homeland Security Developments

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Developments

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Drug Policy Updates

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Crypto Policy Updates

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Other Developments

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DOJ and DHS Release Interim Final Rule on New State and Local C-UAS Authorities

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the long-awaited Interim Final Rule implementing the new state and local counter-unmanned aircraft system (C-UAS) authorities established by the SAFER SKIES Act. Read BBM's detailed analysis [here](#).

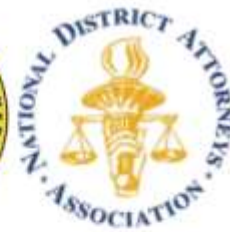
Comments from the public, including law enforcement agencies and associations are due September 4, 2026 and comments are encouraged. Please contact us if you have questions.

National Law Enforcement Groups Express Concerns with CODIS Access Modernization Act

A coalition of national law enforcement organizations – the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), and the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) – has sent a joint letter to Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX), sponsor of the [CODIS Access Modernization Act](#), expressing concerns with the legislation.

The bill would allow qualified private forensic laboratories to directly upload eligible DNA profiles into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) in an effort to reduce DNA testing backlogs and accelerate investigations. While the organizations support those goals and recognize the important role private laboratories play in forensic testing, they argue the bill, as currently drafted, raises significant operational, evidentiary, and legal concerns that should be addressed before it advances.

The letter is below. BBM will keep you updated on the status of the legislation, which does not currently hold bipartisan support.



July 24, 2026

The Honorable Troy Nehls
U.S. House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nehls:

On behalf of the undersigned state and local law enforcement organizations, we write to express serious concerns regarding H.R. 7916, the *CODIS Access Modernization Act*. While we support the bill's goal of reducing DNA backlogs and expanding the role of private laboratories in forensic testing, the legislation as drafted creates significant evidentiary and operational problems that must be addressed before it advances. We respectfully urge you to engage state and local law enforcement stakeholders in that process.

We support the goal. Backlogs, which are often due to lack of funding for public forensic laboratories, are real and private laboratory partnerships have proven their value. But the bill as drafted creates serious problems that must be resolved before it advances. Several of those problems exist precisely because workable solutions already exist and the bill bypasses them.

Before a DNA profile enters CODIS, authorized local and state laboratories review it to ensure it meets the system's standards. That review happens at the state and local level, and nearly 90 percent of CODIS hits occur within state and local DNA databases. The bill would allow private laboratories to bypass that review entirely, uploading profiles directly to the national database without the quality check that local and state agencies currently provide. Unreviewed profiles in a system that criminal prosecutions depend on is not a modernization. It is a risk. Private laboratory profiles should flow through established CODIS pathways, not around them.

When CODIS produces a hit, it generates law enforcement sensitive information including offender identity, case details, and investigative data. Most state laws prohibit sharing that information with entities outside the criminal justice system. Private laboratories are not criminal justice agencies. The bill establishes no framework for how that information would be handled when a match involves a privately uploaded profile. This is a structural problem that must be resolved before direct upload authority is granted. It cannot be patched by regulation after the fact.

Prosecutors require access to the original analyst when DNA evidence is challenged at trial. When a private laboratory, particularly one located out of state, cannot produce that analyst, local crime laboratories are compelled to re-test the evidence at their own expense, with no

reimbursement mechanism in the bill. That means rushed re-testing, delays for other cases, and the risk of conflicting results. Local laboratory staff may also be subpoenaed to explain and defend private lab methods and protocols they did not develop. These costs and burdens are real, they are foreseeable, and the bill assigns them to no one. They will fall on state and local agencies and ultimately take away time and funding from critical analyses, potentially exacerbating backlog and funding challenges.

Private laboratories also close, change ownership, and lose accreditation. The bill establishes no framework for what happens to uploaded profiles when any of those events occur. The bill also establishes no framework for private ownership and security of law enforcement data. There are no rules for DNA profile ownership, case record continuity, expungement obligations, or testimony and discovery responsibilities.

The tools to address many of these concerns already exist. Some state and local laboratories have developed arrangements in which they accept ownership of private laboratory data, conduct a thorough review of methods and protocols, and enter eligible profiles into CODIS. This model gives private laboratories a path to CODIS participation while preserving the quality review the system requires. Before restructuring CODIS access at the national level, Congress should examine whether expanding and incentivizing these existing models would achieve the bill's objectives without the risks the current draft introduces.

Finally, the bill sets a six-month deadline for implementing regulations. Developing the agreements, oversight mechanisms, data stewardship requirements, and standards necessary for a framework of this scope across DOJ, FBI, state and local laboratories, and private laboratories cannot be done responsibly in that timeframe. A more realistic timeline, developed collaboratively with the stakeholders who will have to live with the result, is essential.

We respectfully ask that this legislation not advance until state and local law enforcement stakeholders have been meaningfully consulted. The concerns outlined here are not procedural objections. They reflect what agencies will face on the ground when CODIS hits come back and cases go to court. We are ready to work with you and your team toward a framework that expands private laboratory participation while preserving the integrity and investigative value of CODIS, and we ask for the opportunity to do so before the bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)
International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)

BBM Blog Posts of the Week

BBM posts timely updates on topics of interest to the public safety community. Please explore this week's blog posts below and click on any topic that interests you to stay updated. Email a member of the BBM team today to get our blog content delivered directly to your inbox.

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Six-Minute Overview: DOJ's New \$3 Billion Grant Program

Public safety agencies have a growing number of funding opportunities to consider, with new programs continuing to be released through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and FY 2026 DOJ and DHS grant solicitations. One of the largest opportunities is DOJ's new \$3 billion Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (BIDEN) Program, which provides funding for personnel, technology, intelligence, detention, and other public safety priorities.

We've put together a [six-minute overview](#) of the program, highlighting who can apply, eligible uses, key requirements, and upcoming application deadlines. Listen [here](#).

OJP Grant Opportunities



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

OJP posted new [funding opportunities](#) (see below). We'll keep you updated as other FY 2025 funding opportunities post.

OJP - Current Funding Opportunities

Bureau of Justice Assistance

- **OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program: Round 5**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/24/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/27/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **DOJ FY 2026 Invited to Apply - National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/29/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY 2026 Invited to Apply – Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/29/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/31/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY 2025/2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula Grant Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **08/20/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **08/27/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY 2026 Enhancing Security Measures for Houses of Worship**

Deadline Grants.gov **09/02/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **09/09/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY 2026 Daniel Aderl Judicial Security and Privacy Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **09/03/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **09/10/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [**U.S. Department of Justice FY26 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **10/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **10/22/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- No open funding opportunities at this time

National Institute of Justice

- [**FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/29/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/31/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [**FY 2026 Research and Evaluation of Services for Victims of Crime**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **08/14/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **08/21/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [**FY 2026 State and Local Collection and Reporting of Crime Data**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/30/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **08/06/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- [**FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/29/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/31/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Office for Victims of Crime

- [**FY 2026 National Mass Violence Center**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/22/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/27/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [**OVC FY 2026 Increasing Services for American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking in Urban Centers Program**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/23/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/30/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [**FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/29/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **07/31/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [**OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program**](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **08/6/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **08/13/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

- No open funding opportunities at this time

[**View Full List of OJP Grants Here**](#)

Model Cities Initiative



DOJ announced a new Model Cities Initiative (MCI) which will award a total of \$300 million in funding through cooperative agreements (rather than typical grants) with a tiny number of local jurisdictions - two to four total - to transform public safety in those areas. Awardees will

implement comprehensive and innovative strategies that reduce crime, restore law and order, and enhance public safety.

The full NOFO is available [here](#).

Application Deadline:

September 1, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. ET

[Read More Here](#)

Model Cities Initiative Webinar

The Department of Justice hosted a pre-application webinar on June 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. ET, to discuss the goals and objectives, eligibility criteria, activities to be funded, and the application process.

[Access Webinar Slides Here](#)

COPS Office FY 2026 Grant Opportunities



The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has released several FY 2026 funding opportunities designed to support law enforcement hiring, officer wellness, school safety, and drug enforcement initiatives.

Since its creation in 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$20 billion in state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies through grant programs focused on community policing, public safety, and emerging law enforcement challenges.

Additional details are available [here](#).

The FY 2026 funding opportunities currently available include:

COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

The COPS Hiring Program provides funding to hire and rehire additional career law enforcement officers for community policing activities. The program is intended to help agencies increase staffing levels and enhance community engagement and public safety efforts.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 23, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF)

AHTF supports state law enforcement agencies in conducting investigations related to the illegal distribution of heroin, fentanyl, opioids, and other controlled substances.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 23, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

CAMP provides funding to state law enforcement agencies to investigate illicit methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking activities.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 23, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)

LEMHWA supports programs designed to improve officer mental health, wellness, peer support, resilience, suicide prevention, and other officer safety initiatives.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 30, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 5, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

SVPP provides funding for measures that improve security at K-12 schools, including access controls, emergency communications technology, security assessments, and other school safety enhancements.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 4, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 11, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)

PASS supports training and other activities designed to help law enforcement agencies, schools, and communities prepare for and respond to active shooter incidents.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 4, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 11, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Community Policing Development (CPD): Microgrants

CPD Microgrants program provides funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to implement demonstration or pilot projects that work to solve problems in the agency or community, to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes in support of community policing.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 17, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 24, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI) Program

The Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI) suite of services encompasses the Collaborative Reform Initiative, Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), Critical Response, Organizational Assessment, and Enhanced Training. These components offer expert services to state, local, campus, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies, ranging in scope and complexity at the voluntary request of agencies.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Community Policing Development: Law Enforcement Products and Resources Program

Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to provide guidance on promising practices, develop and test innovative strategies; build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities and a positive image of policing.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Community Policing Development: Accreditation

The FY26 Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation program funds will be used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement effective practices, outcomes, and strategies to prevent crime and promote safe communities.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 27, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: September 3, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Safer Outcomes: Enhancing Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement

The Safer Outcomes: Enhancing Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement program seeks to promote safe outcomes during police encounters through the integration of de-escalation and crisis response training and resources.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 27, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: September 3, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

[View Full List of COPS Grants Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

No legislation of particular interest passed last week.

House of Representatives

H.Con.Res.113 - Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036.

This concurrent resolution establishes the congressional budget for the federal

government for FY2027, sets forth budgetary levels for FY2028-FY2036, and provides reconciliation instructions for legislation that increases the deficit.

Passed House (216-214)

H.R.9770 - Continuing Appropriations Act, 2027

This bill provides continuing FY2027 appropriations for federal agencies and extends various expiring programs and authorities. Specifically, the bill provides continuing FY2027 appropriations to federal agencies through the earlier of December 4, 2026, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations act. It is known as a continuing resolution (CR) and prevents a government shutdown that would otherwise occur if the FY2027 appropriations bills have not been enacted when FY2027 begins on October 1, 2026.

Passed House (220-205)

H.R. 8800 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

This bill sets forth policies and authorities for FY2027 for Department of Defense (DOD) programs, activities, and military construction as well as the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE).

Passed House (216-212)



Hearings Last Week

Monday, July 20, 2026

Full Committee Markup

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- [H.R. 1266](#), Combating Illicit Xylazine Act (Reps. Panetta and Pfluger)
- [H.R. 2004](#), Tyler's Law (Reps. Lieu and Latta)
- [H.R. 7970](#), STOP Nitazenes Act (Rep. Latta)
- [H.R. 1561](#), ALERT Communities Act (Reps. Crockett and Gooden)
- [H.R. 7994](#), HERO Act (Rep. Ruiz)
- [H.R. 8005](#), Stop Pills That Kill Act (Rep. Evans (CO))
- [H.R. 7184](#), PRESS Act (Rep. McDowell)
- [H.R. 5880](#), Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act (Reps. Hageman and Stansbury)

5:00 PM, 2123 RHOB

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027 (Closed)

House Intelligence (Permanent Select)

5:15 PM, HVC-304 Capitol

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Full Committee Markup (Continuation)

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Hearings Next Week

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

The AI Deception Machine: Deepfakes, Chatbots, and the New Frontier of Senior Fraud

Senate Aging (Special) Committee
3:30 PM, 562 SDOB

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **Todd Blanche**, to be Attorney General of the United States

9:00 AM, 216 HSOB

- [H.R. 1266](#), Combating Illicit Xylazine Act (Reps. Panetta and Pfluger)
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10:00 AM, 2123 RHOB

Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions Subcommittee (House Financial Services Committee)

10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

Markup

House Judiciary Committee

- [H.R.9199](#), Permanent Trump Secure Border Act (Rep. Roy)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

Failure at the Front Gate: Examining VA Police and Security

Deficiencies [Postponed]

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (House Veterans' Affairs Committee)

10:15 AM, 360 CHOB

25 Years After 9/11: Confronting the Next Generation of Threats

- Hearing materials and witness testimonies [here](#)

House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee

10:00 AM, 1334 LHOB

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

**Business Meeting to Consider the
Nomination of Cameron Hamilton to be
Administrator of the Federal Emergency
Management Agency**

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental
Affairs Committee

9:30 AM, 342 DSOB

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **Todd Blanche**, to be Attorney General of the United States

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

Full Committee Markup

House Natural Resources Committee

- **H.R. 309**, National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act (Rep. Nehls)

10:00 AM, 1324 LHOB

**Unleashing the Golden Age of Science:
Examining the Priorities of the FY2027
Research and Technology Enterprise**

House Science, Space, and Technology
Committee

10:15 AM, 2318 RHOB

**Legislative Hearing on Protecting
Communications Networks and Improving
Connectivity**

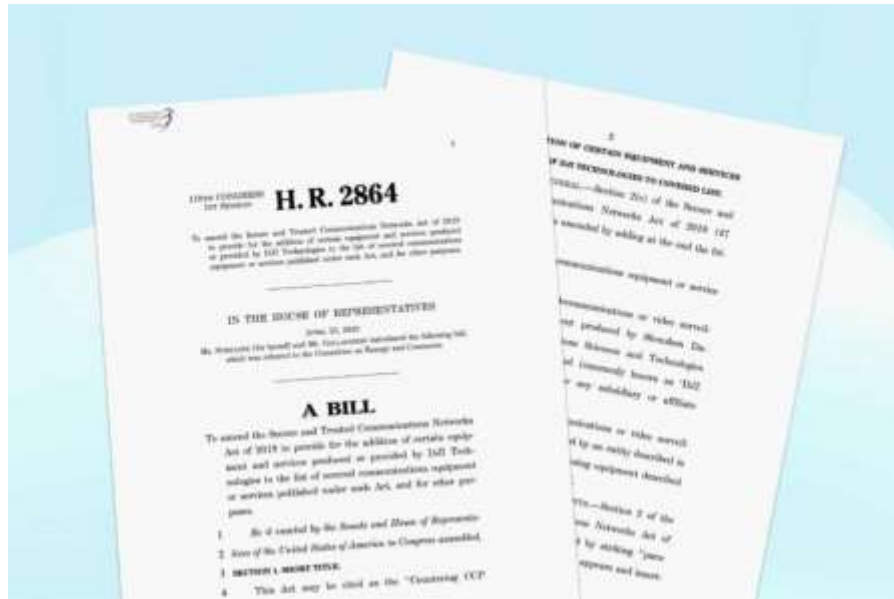
Communications and Technology
Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce
Committee)

- **H.R. 9129**, GUARD Act (Reps. Moolenaar and McClellan)
- **H.R. 6152**, Foreign Robocall Elimination Act (Reps. McDowell and Morrison)
- **H.R. 1027**, QUIET Act (Reps. Sorensen and Ciscomani)
- **H.R. 7294**, AI for Secure Networks Act (Reps. Menendez and Pfluger)
- **H.R. 2805**, PLAN for Broadband Act (Reps. Walberg and Peters)

- [H.R. 4950](#), Data BRIDGE Act (Reps. Houchin and Kelly (IL))

1:30 PM, 2123 RHOB

New Bill Introductions



BBM has compiled a list of this week's newly introduced legislation relevant to Justice, Public Safety, and Homeland Security in the 119th Congress.

You can download the information as an Excel spreadsheet by clicking below.

[Newly Introduced Legislation](#)

Congressional Calendar

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House and Senate
in Session



Senate in Session
Only



House in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

Check out and download the **BBM 2026 Combined Congressional Calendar** below.

[BBM 2026 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



U.S. Department of
JUSTICE

Justice Department Releases \$25M in Law Enforcement Grants and Resources

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department announced that the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has just released \$25 million in new grant Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) to support law enforcement. Today's NOFOs are in addition to the **nearly \$700 million in NOFOs** the COPS Office released last month in June.

The recently released NOFOs include the Safer Outcomes: Enhancing Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement Program and other grant programs that:

- Produce products and resources to advance crime fighting, support common sense policing efforts, and uplift the image of the law enforcement profession;
- Provide technical assistance resources to help law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve in identifying and implementing improvements through training, consultation, peer-based learning, analysis, and assessments; and
- Establish new and support existing accreditation bodies in states or territories to increase the number of accredited law enforcement agencies nationwide.

“The Department of Justice is investing in strategies that reduce crime, hold offenders accountable, and give law enforcement the tools they need to do their jobs,” said Associate Attorney General Stanley E. Woodward Jr. “These additional funding programs are another example of our commitment to safer neighborhoods, smarter strategies, and stronger partnerships across the country.”

[Read More Here](#)



Crime in large American cities continued to fall in the first half of 2026, with homicides down 18% from the same period in 2025, according to a new Council [analysis](#) released today.

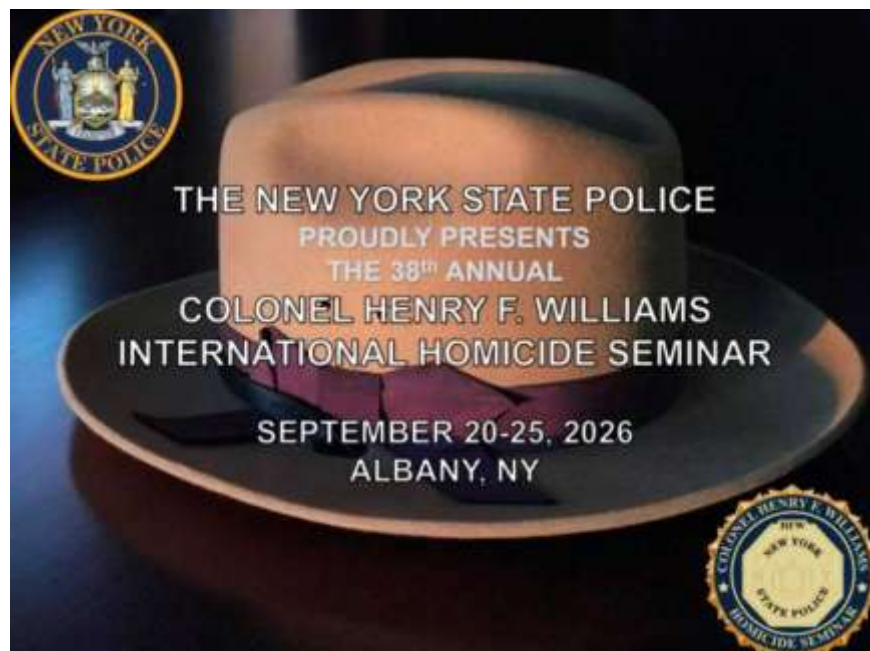
That's down 51% from the recent peak at mid-year 2022, and it puts the national homicide rate on track for another historic low, building on the record low we projected for full-year 2025.

[Read More Here](#)



The IJIS Institute's Justice, Public Safety, and Security Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit is a three-day operations, policy, and technology event occurring September 9th-11th, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency, Tysons Corner, Virginia. The Summit, held with support from the Miller Center on Policing and Community Resiliency at Rutgers University, and the University of Ottawa Professional Development Institute, will provide an opportunity for public safety and criminal justice practitioners and industry experts to explore together the intersection of AI with justice, public safety, and security. It will showcase opportunities and use cases and demonstrate the positive impact AI is having and will have in the public safety mission space.

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The New York State Police is proud to announce the prestigious 38th Annual Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar, scheduled for September 20 - 25, 2026, in Albany, New York.

This seminar is designed for detectives and investigators specializing in homicide investigations, offering a comprehensive five-day program that addresses essential investigative

topics such as forensic pathology, cellular data analysis, psychological and behavioral analysis, crime scene reconstruction, social media dynamics, domestic violence, and advancements in forensic technology.

The curriculum emphasizes the practical application of forensic science in death investigations, featuring instruction from leading experts in the field. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with peers and specialists in this ever-evolving discipline.

The registration link can be found at www.troopers.ny.gov

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Articles We Read This Week



The Athletic: More than 700 illegal drones seized during the World Cup, says FBI

Stringent anti-drone measures have been in place during the tournament

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Associated Press: US on track to have historically low number of homicides in 2026, report says

A new report from the Council on Criminal Justice shows an 18% decrease in the homicide rate across 30 American cities from 2025 compared to the same period in 2026.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram: Tarrant County DA task force brings fresh eyes to local cold cases

Investigators are bringing advanced DNA testing and other methods to cases that previously looked hopeless. They've recently had success.

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Associated Press: Federal appeals court rules that New Jersey's assault weapons ban is unconstitutional

A federal appeals court ruled Friday that New Jersey's bans on assault firearms and magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds are unconstitutional.

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Associated Press: SafeSport Center to begin publicizing names of people who go on its banned list

The U.S. Center for SafeSport has begun making public announcements of people placed on its disciplinary database.

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Stateline: As national death rate dips, some states did better than others * Stateline

The nation's death rate may have fallen to a historic low last year as many of the killers of young people such as drug overdoses, gun homicides and traffic accidents continued receding in 2025. States have not shared equally in the success, though, according to a Stateline analysis of provisional data by state.

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Boston Globe: Another thing that worked well at the World Cup? Cyber scams. - The Boston Globe

According to Boston cybersecurity firm Recorded Future, criminals used sophisticated techniques to hack into e-commerce sites and web hosting providers.

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Stateline: ICE arrests reach new high * Stateline

Immigration arrests reached 1,593 per day in early July in a new push to detain and deport immigrants that has led to deaths in traffic stops. There were more than 43,000 arrests in June, the highest recorded by the Trump administration, according to statistics released Monday by U.S.

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NBC News: 'Off the charts': Secret Service describes rising threats to protectees

Despite the heightened environment, the Secret Service says it's confident in plans for the rescheduled White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

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