

§. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
CAPUANO OF MASSACHUSETTS, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3402, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. CAPUANO OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Page 61, after line 20, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 226. GRANTS FOR YOUNG WITNESS ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, acting  
3 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, may make  
4 grants to State and local prosecutors and law enforcement  
5 agencies in support of juvenile and young adult witness  
6 assistance programs.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants made available under  
8 this section may be used—

9 (1) to assess the needs of juvenile and young  
10 adult witnesses;

11 (2) to develop appropriate program goals and  
12 objectives; and

13 (3) to develop and administer a variety of wit-  
14 ness assistance services, which includes—

15 (A) counseling services to young witnesses  
16 dealing with trauma associated in witnessing a  
17 violent crime;

18 (B) pre- and post-trial assistance for the  
19 youth and their family;



1 (C) providing education services if the  
2 child is removed from or changes their school  
3 for safety concerns;

4 (D) protective services for young witnesses  
5 and their families when a serious threat of  
6 harm from the perpetrators or their associates  
7 is made; and

8 (E) community outreach and school-based  
9 initiatives that stimulate and maintain public  
10 awareness and support.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “juvenile” means an individual  
13 who is age 17 or younger.

14 (2) The term “young adult” means an indi-  
15 vidual who is age 21 or younger but not a juvenile.

16 (3) The term “State” includes the District of  
17 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the  
18 Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the  
19 Northern Mariana Islands.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

