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# H. R. 1531

To ensure safety in public schools by increasing police presence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FROST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To ensure safety in public schools by increasing police presence.

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 “Safe Schools Act of  
5       1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make  
8       grants to States, units of local government, Indian tribal  
9       governments and other public and private entities and  
10      multijurisdiction or regional consortia thereof to increase  
11      police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts

1 between law enforcement agencies and members of the  
2 community to address crime and disorder problems in and  
3 around schools.

4 (b) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding  
5 grants under this Act, the Attorney General may give pref-  
6 erential consideration, to the extent practicable, to appli-  
7 cations for hiring and rehiring additional career law en-  
8 forcement officers that involve a non-Federal contribution  
9 exceeding the 25 percent minimum under subsection (d).

10 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may  
12 provide technical assistance to States, units of local  
13 government, Indian tribal governments, and to other  
14 public and private entities, in furtherance of the pur-  
15 poses of this Act.

16 (2) MODEL.—The technical assistance provided  
17 by the Attorney General may include the develop-  
18 ment of a flexible model that will define for State  
19 and local governments, and other public and private  
20 entities, definitions and strategies associated with  
21 community and school-based policing and methodolo-  
22 gies for its implementation.

23 (3) TRAINING CENTERS AND FACILITIES.—The  
24 technical assistance provided by the Attorney Gen-  
25 eral may include the establishment and operation of

1 training centers or facilities, either directly or by  
2 contracting or cooperative arrangements. The func-  
3 tions of the centers or facilities established under  
4 this paragraph may include instruction and seminars  
5 for police executives, managers, trainers, supervisors,  
6 and such others as the Attorney General considers  
7 to be appropriate concerning community and school-  
8 based policing and improvements in police-commu-  
9 nity interaction and cooperation that further the  
10 purposes of this Act.

11 (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—The portion of the costs of  
12 a program, project, or activity provided by a grant under  
13 subsection (a) may not exceed 75 percent, unless the At-  
14 torney General waives, wholly or in part, the requirement  
15 under this subsection of a non-Federal contribution to the  
16 costs of a program, project, or activity. In relation to a  
17 grant for a period exceeding 1 year for hiring or rehiring  
18 career law enforcement officers, the Federal share shall  
19 decrease from year to year for up to 5 years, looking to-  
20 ward the continuation of the increased hiring level using  
21 State or local sources of funding following the conclusion  
22 of Federal support, as provided in an approved plan pur-  
23 suant to section 4(c)(8).

24 (e) TERMINATION OF GRANTS FOR HIRING OFFI-  
25 CERS.—The authority under subsection (a) of this section

1 to make grants for the hiring and rehiring of additional  
2 career law enforcement officers shall lapse at the conclu-  
3 sion of 6 years from the date of enactment of this Act.  
4 Prior to the expiration of this grant authority, the Attor-  
5 ney General shall submit a report to Congress concerning  
6 the experience with and effects of such grants. The report  
7 may include any recommendations the Attorney General  
8 may have for amendments to this Act and related provi-  
9 sions of law in light of the termination of the authority  
10 to make grants for the hiring and rehiring of additional  
11 career law enforcement officers.

12 **SEC. 3. USES OF FUNDS.**

13 Grants made under this Act may be used—

14 (1) to rehire law enforcement officers who have  
15 been laid off as a result of State and local budget  
16 reductions for deployment in school-based policing;  
17 and

18 (2) to hire and train new, additional career law  
19 enforcement officers for deployment in school-based  
20 policing across the Nation.

21 **SEC. 4. APPLICATIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—No grant may be made under this  
23 Act unless an application has been submitted to, and ap-  
24 proved by, the Attorney General.

1           (b) APPLICATION.—An application for a grant under  
2 this Act shall be submitted in such form, and contain such  
3 information, as the Attorney General may prescribe by  
4 regulations or guidelines.

5           (c) CONTENTS.—In accordance with the regulations  
6 or guidelines established by the Attorney General, each ap-  
7 plication for a grant under this Act shall—

8                   (1) include a long-term strategy and detailed  
9 implementation plan that reflects consultation with  
10 community groups and appropriate private and pub-  
11 lic agencies;

12                   (2) demonstrate a specific public safety need;

13                   (3) explain the applicant’s inability to address  
14 the need without Federal assistance;

15                   (4) identify related governmental and commu-  
16 nity initiatives which complement or will be coordi-  
17 nated with the proposal;

18                   (5) certify that there has been appropriate co-  
19 ordination with all affected agencies;

20                   (6) outline the initial and ongoing level of com-  
21 munity support for implementing the proposal in-  
22 cluding financial and in-kind contributions or other  
23 tangible commitments;

24                   (7) specify plans for obtaining necessary sup-  
25 port and continuing the proposed program, project,

1 or activity following the conclusion of Federal sup-  
2 port;

3 (8) if the application is for a grant for hiring  
4 or rehiring additional career law enforcement offi-  
5 cers, specify plans for the assumption by the appli-  
6 cant of a progressively larger share of the cost in the  
7 course of time, looking toward the continuation of  
8 the increased hiring level using State or local  
9 sources of funding following the conclusion of Fed-  
10 eral support;

11 (9) assess the impact, if any, of the increase in  
12 police resources on other components of the criminal  
13 justice system;

14 (10) explain how the grant will be utilized to re-  
15 orient the affected law enforcement agency's mission  
16 toward school-based policing or enhance its involve-  
17 ment in or commitment to school-based policing; and

18 (11) provide assurances that the applicant will,  
19 to the extent practicable, seek, recruit, and hire  
20 members of racial and ethnic minority groups and  
21 women in order to increase their ranks within the  
22 sworn positions in the law enforcement agency.

23 (d) SPECIAL PROVISION.—Notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of this Act, in relation to applications  
25 under this Act of units of local government or law enforce-

1 ment agencies having jurisdiction over areas with popu-  
2 lations of less than 50,000, the Attorney General may  
3 waive 1 or more of the requirements of subsection (c) and  
4 may otherwise make special provisions to facilitate the ex-  
5 pedited submission, processing, and approval of such ap-  
6 plications.

7 **SEC. 5. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.**

8 (a) **MONITORING COMPONENTS.**—Each program,  
9 project, or activity funded under this Act shall contain a  
10 monitoring component, developed pursuant to guidelines  
11 established by the Attorney General. The monitoring re-  
12 quired by this subsection shall include systematic identi-  
13 fication and collection of data about activities, accomplish-  
14 ments, and programs throughout the life of the program,  
15 project, or activity and presentation of such data in a usa-  
16 ble form.

17 (b) **EVALUATION COMPONENTS.**—Selected grant re-  
18 cipients shall be evaluated on the local level or as part  
19 of a national evaluation, pursuant to guidelines established  
20 by the Attorney General. Such evaluations may include as-  
21 sessments of individual program implementations. In se-  
22 lected jurisdictions that are able to support outcome eval-  
23 uations, the effectiveness of funded programs, projects,  
24 and activities may be required. Outcome measures may  
25 include crime and victimization indicators, quality of life

1 measures, community perceptions, and police perceptions  
2 of their own work.

3 (c) PERIODIC REVIEW AND REPORTS.—The Attorney  
4 General may require a grant recipient to submit to the  
5 Attorney General the results of the monitoring and evalua-  
6 tions required under subsections (a) and (b) and such  
7 other data and information as the Attorney General deems  
8 reasonably necessary.

9 **SEC. 6. REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF FUNDING.**

10 If the Attorney General determines, as a result of the  
11 reviews required by section 5, or otherwise, that a grant  
12 recipient under this Act is not in substantial compliance  
13 with the terms and requirements of an approved grant ap-  
14 plication submitted under section 4, the Attorney General  
15 may revoke or suspend funding of that grant, in whole  
16 or in part.

17 **SEC. 7. GENERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY.**

18 The Attorney General may promulgate regulations  
19 and guidelines to carry out this Act.

20 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
22 this Act \$175,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000  
23 through 2003.

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