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1ST SESSION

H. R. 729

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, off-
premises field trips.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as “Phylicia’s Law”.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Students achieve their full academic poten-
6 tial when they have the ability to learn in a safe and
7 secure environment.

8 (2) Off-campus school trips comprise an inte-
9 gral part of the educational experience for our Na-
10 tion’s students. Each year millions of students enjoy
11 these trips, which provide them with invaluable
12 learning opportunities outside the classroom.

13 (3) There exists no Federal law requiring public
14 schools to develop safety plans for off-premises,
15 overnight, school-sponsored trips.

16 **SEC. 3. SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN.**

17 (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
18 AGENCIES.—Each local educational agency that receives
19 funds under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Sec-
20 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.)
21 shall develop and make publicly available a written school
22 safety policy for off-premises, overnight field trips.

23 (b) GUIDANCE FROM SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.—
24 Congress encourages the Secretary of Education to pro-
25 vide guidance to local educational agencies described in
26 subsection (a) by taking the steps necessary, such as

- 1 hosting a conference of interested parties, to assist in de-
- 2 veloping a model school safety policy that meets the re-
- 3 quirements described in such subsection.

Passed the House of Representatives June 15, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.