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H. R. 5252

To amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize a grant to protect young athletes from abuse, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. BISHOP of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Keep Young Athletes
5 Safe Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT TO PROTECT YOUNG ATHLETES FROM**
2 **ABUSE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2205 of title 36, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “SUBCHAPTER III—GRANT TO KEEP YOUNG
7 ATHLETES SAFE

8 “§ 220531. **Grant to protect young athletes from abuse**

9 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General may award
10 a grant to an eligible nonprofit nongovernmental entity in
11 order to support oversight of the United States Olympic
12 Committee, each national governing body, and each
13 paralympic sports organization with regard to safe-
14 guarding amateur athletes against abuse, including emo-
15 tional, physical, and sexual abuse in sports.

16 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
17 grant under this section, a nonprofit nongovernmental en-
18 tity shall submit an application to the Attorney General
19 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
20 mation as the Attorney General may require, including in-
21 formation that demonstrates that the entity has—

22 “(1) nationally recognized expertise in pre-
23 venting and investigating emotional, physical, and
24 sexual abuse in the athletic programs of the United
25 States Olympic Committee, each national governing
26 body, and each paralympic sports organization; and

1 “(2) the capacity to oversee regular and ran-
2 dom audits to ensure that the policies and proce-
3 dures used by the United States Olympic Com-
4 mittee, each national governing body, and each
5 paralympic sports organization to prevent the abuse
6 of an amateur athlete are followed correctly.

7 “(c) USE OF GRANT AMOUNT.—An entity that re-
8 ceives a grant under this section may use such funds—

9 “(1) to develop and test new training materials
10 for emotional, physical, and sexual abuse prevention
11 education in youth athletic programs;

12 “(2) for staff salaries, travel expenses, equip-
13 ment, printing, and other reasonable expenses nec-
14 essary to develop, maintain, and disseminate to the
15 United States Olympic Committee, each national
16 governing body, each paralympic sports organization,
17 and other amateur sports organizations information
18 about safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse,
19 including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in
20 sports; and

21 “(3) to oversee the administration of the proce-
22 dures described in subsection (b)(2).

23 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
2 appropriated to carry out this section \$2,500,000 for
3 each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

4 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS.—Funds
5 appropriated under this section shall remain avail-
6 able until expended.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, is
9 amended by inserting after the item related to section
10 220529 the following:

 “SUBCHAPTER III—GRANT TO KEEP YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE
 “220531. Grant to protect young athletes from abuse.”.

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