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To reauthorize the grant program for school security in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. JONES, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. SMITH, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To reauthorize the grant program for school security in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

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 “Student, Teachers, and
5 Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018” or the
6 “STOP School Violence Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL SECURITY.**

2 Part AA of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
3 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10551 et seq.) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in section 2701 (34 U.S.C. 10551)—

6 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “, includ-
7 ing the placement and use of metal detectors
8 and other deterrent measures,” and inserting
9 “through evidence-based training, technology,
10 and equipment and technical assistance to pre-
11 vent violence”;

12 (B) in subsection (b)—

13 (i) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);

14 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (1) as
15 paragraph (2);

16 (iii) by inserting before paragraph (2),
17 as so redesignated, the following:

18 “(1) Evidence-based training to prevent student
19 violence against others and self, including training
20 for local law enforcement officers, school personnel,
21 and students.”;

22 (iv) in paragraph (2), as so redesign-
23 ated, by striking “Placement” and insert-
24 ing the following: “Evidence-based tech-
25 nology and equipment to improve school

1 security and prevent school violence, in-
2 cluding—

3 “(i) the development and operation of
4 anonymous reporting systems for threats
5 of school violence, including mobile tele-
6 phone applications, hotlines, and Internet
7 websites; and

8 “(ii) placement”;

9 (v) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
10 and (5) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respec-
11 tively;

12 (vi) in paragraph (3), as so redesign-
13 nated—

14 (I) by inserting “evidence-based
15 school threat assessment and” after
16 “operation of”;

17 (II) by inserting “and school per-
18 sonnel,” after “law enforcement agen-
19 cies”; and

20 (III) by striking “specialized”
21 and inserting “evidence-based”; and

22 (vii) by striking paragraph (6);

23 (C) by redesignating subsections (e)
24 through (f) as subsections (d) through (g), re-
25 spectively;

1 (D) by inserting after subsection (b) the
2 following:

3 “(c) CONTRACTS AND SUBAWARDS.—A State, unit of
4 local government, or Indian tribe may, in using a grant
5 under this part for purposes authorized under subsection
6 (b), use the grant to contract with or make one or more
7 subawards to one or more—

8 “(1) schools or local education agencies;

9 “(2) nonprofit organizations; or

10 “(3) units of local government or tribal organi-
11 zations.”;

12 (E) in subsection (e), as so redesignated—

13 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “50
14 percent” and inserting “75 percent”; and

15 (ii) by striking paragraph (3); and

16 (F) in subsection (f), as so redesignated,

17 by adding at the end the following: “In award-

18 ing grants under this part, the Director shall

19 also ensure, to the extent practicable and con-

20 sistent with the individualized needs of each

21 school at which improvements are to be made,

22 an equitable distribution, in the aggregate, of

23 funds among the uses specified in subsection

24 (b).”;

25 (2) in section 2702 (34 U.S.C. 10552)—

- 1 (A) in subsection (a)—
- 2 (i) in paragraph (1)—
- 3 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-
- 4 serting “, including the process used
- 5 by the applicant to identify and assess
- 6 evidence-based programs, practices,
- 7 technology, or equipment to be funded
- 8 under the grant” after “grant”; and
- 9 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
- 10 striking “and” at the end;
- 11 (ii) in paragraph (2)—
- 12 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
- 13 paragraph (A)—
- 14 (aa) by striking “individuals
- 15 not limited to”;
- 16 (bb) by inserting “and other
- 17 relevant individuals” after “offi-
- 18 cers”; and
- 19 (cc) by striking “child psy-
- 20 chologists” and inserting “li-
- 21 censed mental health profes-
- 22 sionals”; and
- 23 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
- 24 striking the period at the end and in-
- 25 serting a semicolon; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(3) include an assurance that the applicant
4 shall maintain and report such data, records, and in-
5 formation (programmatic and financial) as the Di-
6 rector may reasonably require; and

7 “(4) include a certification, made in a form ac-
8 ceptable to the Director, that—

9 “(A) the programs to be funded by the
10 grant meet all the requirements of this part;

11 “(B) all the information contained in the
12 application is correct; and

13 “(C) the applicant will comply with all pro-
14 visions of this part and all other applicable Fed-
15 eral laws.”; and

16 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “this
17 part” and inserting “the STOP School Violence
18 Act of 2018”;

19 (3) in section 2703 (34 U.S.C. 10553)—

20 (A) in the section heading, by inserting “;
21 **GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY**” after “**CON-**
22 **GRESS**”;

23 (B) by striking “Not later” and inserting
24 the following:

25 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY.—Section 3026 (relat-
3 ing to grant accountability) shall apply to grants awarded
4 by the Director under this part. For purposes of the pre-
5 ceding sentence, any references in section 3026 to the At-
6 torney General shall be considered references to the Direc-
7 tor and any references in that section to part LL shall
8 be considered references to part AA.”;

9 (4) in section 2704 (34 U.S.C. 10554)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) by striking “a public” and insert-
12 ing “an”; and

13 (ii) by inserting “, including a Bu-
14 reau-funded school (as defined in section
15 1141 of the Education Amendments of
16 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021))” after “secondary
17 school”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
19 the end;

20 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
21 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) the term ‘evidence-based’ means a pro-
24 gram, practice, technology, or equipment that—

1 “(A) demonstrates a statistically signifi-
2 cant effect on relevant outcomes based on—

3 “(i) strong evidence from not less
4 than 1 well-designed and well-implemented
5 experimental study;

6 “(ii) moderate evidence from not less
7 than 1 well-designed and well-implemented
8 quasi-experimental study; or

9 “(iii) promising evidence from not less
10 than 1 well-designed and well-implemented
11 correlational study with statistical controls
12 for selection bias;

13 “(B) demonstrates a rationale based on
14 high-quality research findings or positive eval-
15 uation that such program, practice, technology,
16 or equipment is likely to improve relevant out-
17 comes, and includes ongoing efforts to examine
18 the effects of the program, practice, technology,
19 or equipment; or

20 “(C) in the case of technology or equip-
21 ment, demonstrates that use of the technology
22 or equipment is—

23 “(i) consistent with best practices for
24 school security, including—

1 “(I) applicable standards for
 2 school security established by a Fed-
 3 eral or State government agency; and

4 “(II) findings and recommenda-
 5 tions of public commissions and task
 6 forces established to make rec-
 7 ommendations or set standards for
 8 school security; and

9 “(ii) compliant with all applicable
 10 codes, including building and life safety
 11 codes; and

12 “(5) the term ‘tribal organization’ has the same
 13 meaning given the term in section 4(l) of the Indian
 14 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
 15 (25 U.S.C. 5304(l)).”; and

16 (5) in section 2705—

17 (A) by striking “There are” and inserting
 18 the following:

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

20 (B) by striking “part \$30,000,000 for each
 21 of fiscal years 2001 through 2009” and insert-
 22 ing the following: “part—

23 “(1) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2018; and

24 “(2) \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
 25 through 2028.”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) OFFSET.—Any funds appropriated under this
3 section may be offset by an equal reduction in the funds
4 appropriated, if any, for the Comprehensive School Safety
5 Initiative of the National Institute of Justice.

6 “(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

7 “(1) None of the funds appropriated to carry
8 out this part may be used to provide firearms or
9 training in the use of firearms.

10 “(2) Nothing in this part shall be construed to
11 prohibit any other existing or future law from per-
12 mitting or funding the provision of firearms or train-
13 ing in the use of firearms.”.

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