

H.R. 68, TIFFANY JOSLYN JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION ACT

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House of Representatives I has passed my bill H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act.

Passage of H.R. 68 came about as a result of hard and great teamwork amongst our amazing staff on both sides of the aisle. I am heartened by the work done on this bill along with the other four bills up for unanimous consent. I commend Chairman GOODLATTE's leadership on this effort to help pass H.R. 68. And after 5 years of this bill not being reauthorized, I am pleased that the fight I waged on behalf of Juvenile Justice Reform has been brought to House passage with the support of my Judiciary and House Colleagues.

This bill was named for Tiffany May Joslyn, a champion for criminal justice reform, who served as my Deputy Chief Counsel of the Crime Subcommittee and whose life tragically was cut short on March 5, 2016, in a car accident that sadly also claimed the life of her brother, Derrick. She was just 33 years old.

So today's passage of H.R. 68 is both bitter and sweet. She would have been proud, as she championed these causes. This moment is for both her and for all the countless juveniles that will be helped by this bill.

H.R. 68 will help to stem this epidemic of Juvenile incarceration by reauthorizing the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program (JABG) and providing funding to state and local governments for the creation of bullying and gang prevention programs.

It will authorize such appropriations as may be necessary, which is anticipated to be at least \$30 million per year.

In addition to reauthorizing juvenile justice programs, H.R. 68 clarifies how to address the occurrences of bullying through developmentally appropriate intervention and prevention techniques, which center on evidence-based models and best practices that rely on schools and communities rather than involvement from law enforcement and the justice system.

H.R. 68 is designed to help both the victims and perpetrators of bullying. Research studies have shown that approximately 25 percent of school bullies will be convicted of a criminal offense in their adult years.

It also includes provisions for gang prevention programs, which will help guide our children towards socially beneficial paths. If we want our children to learn, we must be able to maintain a safe and healthy school environment. Bullying is a massive issue in our nation's schools.

The National Center for Educational Studies reports show that 14 percent of 12- to 18-year-olds surveyed report being victims of direct or indirect bullying. 1 out of 4 kids is bullied.

Bullying is not just in a schoolyard anymore; it is a crisis that's taking over our nation. Gone

are the days that children can come home and seek solace and escape from their bullies; technological advances have made it easy for young people to be tormented on social networks at any time from any place.

They are never out of harm's reach. This needs to end. Americans children should be protected, and no child should be persecuted for exercising their American right to be themselves. It is time for us to come to a conclusive solution to America's bullying crisis. My bill, H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act, provides the solution that we need.

This is why I urge my colleagues in the Senate to take up and pass H.R. 68 so that we may keep all of our children safe.

CAMPAIGN FOR YOUTH JUSTICE,

*September 28, 2018.*

HON. PAUL RYAN,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

HON. ROBERT W. GOODLATTE,  
*Chair, Judiciary Committee,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

HON. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Minority Leader, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

HON. JERROLD NADLER,  
*Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN, LEADER PELOSI, CHAIRMAN GOODLATTE, AND RANKING MEMBER NADLER: As the House of Representatives considers critical aspects of criminal justice reform, the Campaign for Youth Justice encourages you to support H.R. 68, the "Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program Grant Reauthorization Act of 2017."

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant expired in 2013 and in the past five years has gone unfunded by the federal government. The expiration of this block grant program has greatly limited state's abilities to implement effective, age appropriate accountability and prevention measures to ensure children get needed services and that communities remain safe.

H.R. 68 updates the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) to reflect current research and practice. Key provisions in the bill include incentives for states to use graduated sanctions and incentives grounded in positive youth development, providing enhanced anti-bullying measures, and youth violence prevention and intervention services. It also updates the JABG to include evidence-based practices such as trauma informed practices and mental health care.

Federal support for juvenile justice programming has suffered greatly in the past decade, with funding decreasing nearly 50% to states. Reauthorizing this important program, with recommended funding levels of \$30 million, would make a tremendous difference to youth, families and communities.

We thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

MARCY MISTRETT,  
*CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice.*

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF  
2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that Congress included Section 131,

subsection (1) in the final version of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

This provision amends section 47107(a)(17) of title 49, United States Code, to ensure that Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) is used for any contracts and subcontracts for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping, and related services for projects that use Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding in any phase. Thus, FAA would be precluded from funding any parts of the project using AIP funds if the QBS process is or was not used in the selection of professional service providers for the above activities.

This provision is intended to ensure that high-quality design, engineering, and architectural services are procured through a QBS process, including when an airport sponsor uses AIP for construction activities. QBS has long been used by the federal government and federal-aid grant programs to ensure the best-qualified companies are selected for pre-construction designs and activities that will result in high-quality, cost-saving construction projects.

I was pleased to work with my colleague Congressman DAN LIPINSKI from Illinois on the important measure and we look forward to its implementation.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JASON  
GERHARDT

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jason Gerhardt of Glenwood, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jason is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 243 in Glenwood and he attends Glenwood Community High School.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jason decided to renovate the bleachers at Lil' Rams football field as his Eagle Scout project. Jason was a former football player and he could see how the bleachers had deteriorated and were in need of repair. Jason and his parents, Janet and Jason Gerhardt, the Lil' Rams football team, the Glenwood Rotary Club, and a local welder helped financially and with the new construction. The work ethic Jason has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jason and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House