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H. R. 6712

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to require a certain percentage of COPS grant funds to be used for the salaries and benefits of school resource officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BOST, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “School Resource Offi-
5 cer Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) a school resource officer program provides
4 a safe learning environment in our Nation’s schools,
5 provides valuable resources to school staff members,
6 and fosters positive relationships between youth and
7 law enforcement;

8 (2) school resource officers are educators, infor-
9 mal counselors and mentors, and law enforcement
10 officers;

11 (3) local agencies need the resources and flexi-
12 bility to establish school resource officer programs
13 that will encourage partnerships between schools and
14 local law enforcement agencies to develop innovative
15 ways to make schools safe; and

16 (4) Federal grants for school resource officer
17 salaries are intended to be a starting point for con-
18 tinued local action and should not divert current
19 designated funding.

20 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR COPS IN SCHOOLS.**

21 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
22 1001(a)(11)(A) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
23 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(11)(A)) is
24 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-
25 lowing: “, and \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
26 through 2026”.

1 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 1701(g) of the Omni-
2 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
3 U.S.C. 10381(g)) is amended by striking “In relation to
4 a grant for a period exceeding 1 year for hiring or rehiring
5 career law enforcement officers, the Federal share shall
6 decrease from year to year for up to 5 years, looking to-
7 ward the continuation of the increased hiring level using
8 State or local sources of funding following the conclusion
9 of Federal support, as provided in an approved plan pur-
10 suant to section 1702(e)(8).”.

11 (c) REPEAL TERMINATION OF GRANTS FOR HIRING
12 OFFICERS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1701(i) of the Om-
14 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
15 (34 U.S.C. 10381(i)) is repealed.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
17 1701(j)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
18 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(j)(1)) is
19 amended by striking “subsection (i) and”.

20 (d) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING.—Sec-
21 tion 1704 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
22 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10384) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “\$75,000” and
24 inserting “\$125,000”; and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(d) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS SET ASIDE.—
2 Not less than 30 percent of the amount made available
3 for hiring and rehiring additional career law enforcement
4 officers shall be made available for the salaries and bene-
5 fits of the school resource officers hired pursuant to a
6 partnership described in section 1701(b)(12).”.

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