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To award grants to local educational agencies to operate after school programs in certain areas with a high rate of juvenile crime.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Advancing Frequent
5 and Tailored Education to Rebuild Safe Communities and
6 Help Orchestrate Opportunities and Learning Act” or the
7 “AFTER SCHOOL Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “local edu-
2 cational agency” and “secondary school” have the
3 meanings given those terms in section 8101 of the
4 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
5 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

6 (2) ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—
7 The term “eligible local educational agency” means
8 a local educational agency that serves 1 or more sec-
9 ondary schools that are located in a county in which
10 the juvenile offense rate is not less than 10 percent.

11 (3) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The
12 term “eligible nonprofit organization” means an or-
13 ganization described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt
14 from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Rev-
15 enue Code of 1986 that has experience in operating
16 an after school program or similar program for sec-
17 ondary school students.

18 (4) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—The term “eligible
19 students” means students in any of grades 6
20 through 12.

21 (5) JUVENILE OFFENSE RATE.—The term “ju-
22 venile offense rate” means the percentage of violent
23 offenses committed by any individual who is not
24 more than 19 years of age as compared to the total
25 number of violent offenses committed by all age

1 groups in a given county, as published in the Uni-
2 form Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bu-
3 reau of Investigation.

4 (b) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Attorney General
5 shall award grants, in accordance with subsection (c), to
6 eligible local educational agencies that have an approved
7 application in order to enable those eligible local edu-
8 cational agencies to provide after school programs for eli-
9 gible students, as described in subsection (e).

10 (c) FORMULA.—From the total amount made avail-
11 able to carry out this section, the Attorney General shall
12 allot to each eligible local educational agency having an
13 application approved under subsection (d), an amount that
14 bears the same relationship to that total amount as the
15 number of eligible students who will be served by such eli-
16 gible local educational agency under this section bears to
17 the number of eligible students who will be served by all
18 eligible local educational agencies under this section.

19 (d) APPLICATION.—An eligible local educational
20 agency seeking a grant under this section shall submit an
21 application to the Attorney General at such time, in such
22 manner, and containing such information as the Attorney
23 General may require, including—

24 (1) the juvenile offense rate for the most recent
25 fiscal year for which data are available for the coun-

1 ty in which 1 or more secondary schools served by
2 the local educational agency are located;

3 (2) an assurance that the local educational
4 agency will carry out the after school programs or
5 will partner only with an eligible nonprofit organiza-
6 tion to carry out such programs; and

7 (3) information about the activities and fre-
8 quency of the after school programs that will be car-
9 ried out with grant funds under this section.

10 (e) USES OF FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible local educational
12 agency that receives a grant under this section shall
13 use such grant funds to operate after school pro-
14 grams for eligible students, which may include—

15 (A) expanding existing after school pro-
16 grams for eligible students;

17 (B) developing and carrying out new after
18 school programs for eligible students; or

19 (C) partnering with an eligible nonprofit
20 organization to administer and operate after
21 school programs for eligible students.

22 (2) AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.—An eligible
23 local educational agency that receives a grant under
24 this section shall ensure that the after school pro-

1 grams carried out with grant funds include activities
2 that have an educational purpose.

3 (f) REPORTS.—

4 (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY REPORTS.—

5 Each eligible local educational agency that receives
6 a grant under this section shall submit an annual re-
7 port to the Attorney General that describes—

8 (A) the number of schools served by an
9 after school program established or maintained
10 using funds under this section;

11 (B) the number of children served at each
12 such school; and

13 (C) the general successes and
14 vulnerabilities of the after school programs es-
15 tablished or maintained using funds under this
16 section.

17 (2) ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
18 than 90 days after the date as of which the Attorney
19 General has received all the reports for a year under
20 paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall submit to
21 Congress a report summarizing the reports received
22 under that paragraph.

23 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

- 1 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027,
- 2 and 2028.

