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H. R. 5135

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for additional grants for school security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2018

Ms. GRANGER (for herself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. FLORES) 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 “Securing Children in
5 Schools Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR SCHOOL SECURITY.**

7 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
8 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. et seq.) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART OO—ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR SCHOOL**

2 **SECURITY**

3 **“SEC. 3040. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
5 Community Oriented Policing Services (in this section re-
6 ferred to as the ‘Director’) is authorized to make grants
7 to States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to
8 provide for the placement and use of metal detectors and
9 other screening technologies at schools and on school
10 grounds.

11 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this
12 section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of
13 local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used to im-
14 prove security at schools and on school grounds in the ju-
15 risdiction of the grantee through the placement and use
16 of metal detectors and other screening technologies.

17 “(c) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding
18 grants under this subchapter, the Director shall give pref-
19 erential consideration, if feasible, to an application from
20 a jurisdiction that has a demonstrated need for improved
21 security, has a demonstrated need for financial assistance,
22 and has evidenced the ability to make the improvements
23 for which the grant amounts are sought.

24 “(d) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding
25 grants under this subchapter, the Director shall ensure,
26 to the extent practicable, an equitable geographic distribu-

1 tion among the regions of the United States and among
2 urban, suburban, and rural areas.

3 “(e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Director may re-
4 serve not more than 2 percent from amounts appropriated
5 to carry out this subchapter for administrative costs.

6 **“SEC. 3041. APPLICATIONS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this
8 part, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-
9 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the
10 Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and ac-
11 companied by such information as the Attorney General
12 may require. Each application shall—

13 “(1) include a detailed explanation of—

14 “(A) the intended uses of funds provided
15 under the grant;

16 “(B) how the activities funded under the
17 grant will meet the purpose of this part; and

18 “(C) how the school will limit their points
19 of entry to ensure safety; and

20 “(2) be accompanied by an assurance that the
21 application was prepared after consultation with in-
22 dividuals not limited to law enforcement officers
23 (such as school violence researchers, child psycholo-
24 gists, social workers, teachers, principals, and other

1 school personnel) to ensure that the improvements to
2 be funded under the grant are—

3 “(A) consistent with a comprehensive ap-
4 proach to preventing school violence; and

5 “(B) individualized to the needs of each
6 school at which those improvements are to be
7 made.

8 “(b) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this part, the Attorney General
10 shall promulgate guidelines to implement this section (in-
11 cluding the information that must be included and the re-
12 quirements that the States, units of local government, and
13 Indian tribes must meet) in submitting the applications
14 required under this section.

15 **“SEC. 3042. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 “Not later than November 30th of each year, the At-
17 torney General shall submit a report to the Congress re-
18 garding the activities carried out under this part. Each
19 such report shall include, for the preceding fiscal year, the
20 number of grants funded under this part, the amount of
21 funds provided under those grants, the activities for which
22 those funds were used, and the number of weapons de-
23 tected and confiscated by the use of metal detectors and
24 other screening technologies placed and used using funds
25 provided under this part.

1 **“SEC. 3043. DEFINITIONS.**

2 “For purposes of this part—

3 “(1) the term ‘school’ means a public elemen-
4 tary or secondary school;

5 “(2) the term ‘unit of local government’ means
6 a county, municipality, town, township, village, par-
7 ish, borough, or other unit of general government
8 below the State level;

9 “(3) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the same mean-
10 ing as in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determina-
11 tion and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
12 450b(e)); and

13 “(4) the term ‘screening technologies’ means
14 technologies including—

15 “(A) walk through metal detection portals;

16 “(B) stand-off screening technologies;

17 “(C) explosive trace detection; and

18 “(D) computed tomography equipment and
19 X-ray imaging equipment for carried and per-
20 sonal belonging screening.

21 **“SEC. 3044. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
23 this part \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
24 through 2029.”.

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