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H. R. 7056

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to States to acquire a mobile application that facilitates the reporting of school safety threats to local law enforcement agencies for use by students in secondary schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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 “Modern School Threat
5 Reporting Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR MOBILE APPLICATIONS TO REPORT**
2 **SCHOOL THREATS.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General is au-
4 thorized to make grants to States to acquire and make
5 available a mobile application that facilitates the reporting
6 of school safety threats to local law enforcement agencies
7 for use by students in secondary schools (as such term
8 is defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
9 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), which
10 mobile application meets the requirements described in
11 subsection (c).

12 (b) APPLICATION.—The chief executive of a State
13 seeking a grant under this section shall submit an applica-
14 tion to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner,
15 and containing such information as the Attorney General
16 may reasonably require, including—

17 (1) the guidelines that the State will implement
18 for use by secondary schools and local law enforce-
19 ment agencies in the State related to the mobile ap-
20 plication; and

21 (2) a plan to deter misuse of the mobile appli-
22 cation, including deterring the use of the application
23 for bullying.

24 (c) MOBILE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS DE-
25 SCRIBED.—The requirements for a mobile application de-
26 scribed in this subsection are the following:

1 (1) The mobile application shall enable the user
2 enter information related to a potential threat to the
3 physical safety of one or more students or employees
4 of the school into the application, which shall be re-
5 ported immediately to the appropriate school official
6 and local law enforcement agency.

7 (2) The mobile application shall enable the user
8 to report the information described in paragraph (1)
9 anonymously.

10 (3) The mobile application shall provide notice
11 to the user—

12 (A) of the capability to report the informa-
13 tion described in paragraph (1) anonymously;
14 and

15 (B) that if the user chooses to disclose his
16 or her identity, that identifying information will
17 be reported to the appropriate school official
18 and local law enforcement agency, but shall,
19 subject to applicable law, be kept confidential
20 by such official and agency.

21 (d) TRAINING.—A State receiving a grant under this
22 section shall develop training on the use of and response
23 to report made through the mobile application described
24 in subsection (c), and shall provide such training, on an

1 annual basis, to appropriate school officials and officers
2 and employees of law enforcement agencies.

3 (e) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant made
4 to a State under this section may not exceed \$50,000.

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