To establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 28, 2013

Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Center to Advance, Monitor, and Preserve University Security Safety Act of 2013” or the “CAMPUS Safety Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY.

Subpart 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 501 (42 U.S.C. 3751)—
(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

   (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “or purposes” after “one or more of the following programs”; and

   (ii) by adding at the end the following:

   “(H) Making subawards to institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations to assist the National Center for Campus Public Safety in carrying out the functions of the Center required under section 509(b).”; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

   (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the end;

   (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

   (iii) by adding at the end the following:

   “(3) institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations, for purposes of carrying out section 509.”; and

   (2) by adding at the end the following:
“SEC. 509. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY.

“(a) Definition of Institution of Higher Education.—In this section, the term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

“(b) Authority to Establish and Operate Center.—The Attorney General may establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety (referred to in this section as the ‘Center’).

“(c) Functions of the Center.—The Center shall—

“(1) provide quality education and training for public safety personnel of institutions of higher education and their collaborative partners, including campus mental health agencies;

“(2) foster quality research to strengthen the safety and security of institutions of higher education;

“(3) serve as a clearinghouse for the identification and dissemination of information, policies, protocols, procedures, and best practices relevant to campus public safety, including off-campus housing safety, the prevention of violence against persons and property, and emergency response and evacuation procedures;
“(4) coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Education, State, local and tribal governments and law enforcement agencies, private and nonprofit organizations and associations, and other stakeholders, to develop protocols and best practices to prevent, protect against and respond to dangerous and violent situations involving an immediate threat to the safety of the campus community;

“(5) promote the development and dissemination of effective behavioral threat assessment and management models to prevent campus violence;

“(6) identify campus safety information (including ways to increase off-campus housing safety) and identify resources available from the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Education, State, local, and tribal governments and law enforcement agencies, and private and nonprofit organizations and associations;

“(7) promote cooperation, collaboration, and consistency in prevention, response, and problem-solving methods among public safety and emergency management personnel of institutions of higher education and their campus- and non-campus-based collaborative partners, including law enforcement,
emergency management, mental health services, and other relevant agencies;

“(8) disseminate standardized formats and models for mutual aid agreements and memoranda of understanding between campus security agencies and other public safety organizations and mental health agencies; and

“(9) report annually to Congress on activities performed by the Center during the previous 12 months.

“(d) COORDINATION WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES.—In establishing the Center, the Attorney General shall—

“(1) coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Education, and appropriate State or territory officials;

“(2) ensure coordination with campus public safety resources within the Department of Homeland Security, including within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Education; and

“(3) coordinate within the Department of Justice and existing grant programs to ensure against duplication with the program authorized by this section.
“(e) REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—At the end of each fiscal year, the Attorney General shall—

“(1) issue a report that assesses the impacts, outcomes and effectiveness of the grants distributed to carry out this section;

“(2) in compiling such report, assess instances of duplicative activity, if any, performed through grants distributed to carry out this section and other grant programs maintained by the Department of Justice, the Department of Education, and the Department of Homeland Security; and

“(3) make such report available on the Department of Justice website and submit such report to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees and the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.”.

SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall preclude public elementary and secondary schools or their larger governing agencies from receiving the informational and training benefits of the National Center for Campus Public Safety authorized under section 509 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as added by this Act.