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To improve academic and social outcomes for students by providing productive activities during after school hours.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To improve academic and social outcomes for students by providing productive activities during after school hours.

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 “After School Education
5 and Safety Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to improve academic and
8 social outcomes for students by providing productive ac-
9 tivities during after school hours.

1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Today's youth face far greater social risks
4 than did their parents and grandparents.

5 (2) Students spend more of their waking hours
6 alone, without supervision, companionship, or activ-
7 ity than the students spend in school.

8 (3) Law enforcement statistics show that youth
9 who are ages 12 through 17 are most at risk of com-
10 mitting violent acts and being victims of violent acts
11 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

12 (4) Greater numbers of students are failing in
13 school and the consequences of academic failure are
14 more dire in 1997 than ever before.

15 **SEC. 4. GOALS.**

16 The goals of this Act are as follows:

17 (1) To increase the academic success of stu-
18 dents.

19 (2) To improve the intellectual, social, physical,
20 and cultural skills of students.

21 (3) To promote safe and healthy environments
22 for students.

23 (4) To prepare students for workforce partici-
24 pation.

25 (5) To provide alternatives to drug, alcohol, to-
26 bacco, and gang, activity.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SCHOOL.—The term “school” means a pub-
4 lic kindergarten, or a public elementary school or
5 secondary school, as defined in section 14101 of the
6 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
7 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

8 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Education.

10 **SEC. 6. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

11 The Secretary is authorized to carry out a program
12 under which the Secretary awards grants to schools to en-
13 able the schools to carry out the activities described in sec-
14 tion 7(a).

15 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES; REQUIREMENTS.**

16 (a) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

17 (1) REQUIRED.—Each school receiving a grant
18 under this Act shall carry out at least 2 of the fol-
19 lowing activities:

20 (A) Mentoring programs.

21 (B) Academic assistance.

22 (C) Recreational activities.

23 (D) Technology training.

24 (2) PERMISSIVE.—Each school receiving a
25 grant under this Act may carry out any of the fol-
26 lowing activities:

1 (A) Drug, alcohol, and gang, prevention
2 activities.

3 (B) Health and nutrition counseling.

4 (C) Job skills preparation activities.

5 (b) TIME.—A school shall provide the activities de-
6 scribed in subsection (a) only after regular school hours
7 during the school year.

8 (c) SPECIAL RULE.—Each school receiving a grant
9 under this Act shall carry out activities described in sub-
10 section (a) in a manner that reflects the specific needs
11 of the population, students, and community to be served.

12 (d) LOCATION.—A school shall carry out the activi-
13 ties described in subsection (a) in a school building or
14 other public facility designated by the school.

15 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—In carrying out the activities
16 described in subsection (a), a school is encouraged—

17 (1) to request volunteers from the business and
18 academic communities to serve as mentors or to as-
19 sist in other ways;

20 (2) to request donations of computer equip-
21 ment; and

22 (3) to work with State and local park and
23 recreation agencies so that activities that are de-
24 scribed in subsection (a) and carried out prior to the

1 date of enactment of this Act are not duplicated by
2 activities assisted under this Act.

3 **SEC. 8. APPLICATIONS.**

4 Each school desiring a grant under this Act shall sub-
5 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
6 manner, and accompanied by such information as the Sec-
7 retary may require. Each such application shall—

8 (1) identify how the goals set forth in section
9 4 shall be met by the activities assisted under this
10 Act;

11 (2) provide evidence of collaborative efforts by
12 students, parents, teachers, site administrators, and
13 community members in the planning and adminis-
14 tration of the activities;

15 (3) contain a description of how the activities
16 will be administered;

17 (4) demonstrate how the activities will utilize or
18 cooperate with publicly or privately funded programs
19 in order to avoid duplication of activities in the com-
20 munity to be served;

21 (5) contain a description of the funding sources
22 and in-kind contributions that will support the ac-
23 tivities; and

24 (6) contain a plan for obtaining non-Federal
25 funding for the activities.

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998
4 through 2002.

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