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# H. R. 2761

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISAKSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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. PURPOSE.**

4       It is the purpose of this Act to allow each public sec-  
5       ondary school to hire a director of school safety, discipline,  
6       and student assistance to develop or improve a safety plan.

7       **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

8       The Secretary is authorized to provide grants on a  
9       competitive basis to specially designated agencies and

1 State educational agencies to enable each public secondary  
2 school to employ a director to develop or improve a school  
3 safety plan.

4 **SEC. 3. GRANT AWARD.**

5 (a) STATE APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive  
6 a grant award under this Act, a State educational agency  
7 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,  
8 in such form, and containing such information as the Sec-  
9 retary may require.

10 (b) LOCAL APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive  
11 a subgrant under this Act, a local educational agency,  
12 other than a specially designated agency, shall submit an  
13 application to the State educational agency in such form  
14 and containing or accompanied by such information as the  
15 State educational agency shall require.

16 (c) SPECIALLY DESIGNATED AGENCY APPLICA-  
17 TION.—If a State educational agency does not apply for  
18 a grant award under this Act in a fiscal year, any specially  
19 designated agency in such State that desires to receive a  
20 grant under this Act in such fiscal year shall apply to the  
21 Secretary at such time, in such form, and containing such  
22 information as the Secretary may require.

23 (d) CONTENTS.—An application submitted under  
24 subsections (a), (b), or (c) shall include assurances that—

1           (1) funds provided under this Act shall be used  
2           only to hire a director to develop or improve a public  
3           secondary school safety plan and implement security  
4           measures approved in the school safety plan;

5           (2) funds provided under this Act shall supple-  
6           ment, not supplant, State and local funds;

7           (3) the director shall have the authority—

8                   (A) to discipline (in accordance with the  
9                   school safety plan) any student whose actions  
10                  or words threaten the safety of any student,  
11                  teacher, employee, or administrator of the  
12                  school; and

13                   (B) refer any student to the appropriate  
14                  law enforcement authority, family and children  
15                  services, or any other agency or organization  
16                  the Director considers appropriate to meet the  
17                  requirements of the school safety plan;

18           (C) the applicant that receives funds under this  
19           Act shall use not more than 1.5 percent of the funds  
20           to pay administrative expenses;

21           (4) the applicant shall provide parents, stu-  
22           dents, faculty, school administrators, and any other  
23           individuals or groups who the director requests, an  
24           opportunity to present their views and make rec-  
25           ommendations regarding the safety plan; and

1           (5) in the case of a State educational agency,  
2           such agency shall evaluate the effectiveness of each  
3           public secondary school safety plan on an annual  
4           basis.

5 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

6           As used in this Act:

7           (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “director” means  
8           the individual or entity hired as director of school  
9           safety, discipline, and student assistance for a public  
10          secondary school, employed directly or through a  
11          contract with a school board, to develop or improve  
12          the school safety plan. If the individual employed as  
13          director is a school tenured employee when hired,  
14          the director shall waive tenure.

15          (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term  
16          “local educational agency” has the same meaning  
17          given such term in section 14101 of the Elementary  
18          and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
19          8801).

20          (3) OUTLYING AREA.—The term “outlying  
21          area” means the United States Virgin Islands,  
22          Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the  
23          Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Mar-  
24          shall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia,  
25          and the Republic of Palau.

1           (4) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term “sec-  
 2           ondary school” has the same meaning given such  
 3           term in section 14101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
 4           ondary Education Act of 1965.

5           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 6           the Secretary of Education.

7           (6) SPECIALLY DESIGNATED AGENCY.—The  
 8           term “specially designated agency” means a local  
 9           educational agency, located in a State that did not  
 10          receive a grant under this Act in a fiscal year, that  
 11          applies directly to the Secretary for a grant in ac-  
 12          cordance with section (3)(a)(3).

13          (7) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
 14          the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Com-  
 15          monwealth of Puerto Rico, and each outlying area.

16 **SEC. 5. GEPA AMENDMENT.**

17          Section 444(b)(1) of the General Education Provi-  
 18          sions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) is amended—

19               (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” after  
 20               the semicolon;

21               (2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period  
 22               and inserting “and;”; and

23               (3) by inserting after subparagraph (J), the fol-  
 24               lowing:

1           “(K) the individual or entity hired, either di-  
2       rectly or through a contract by a school board, as  
3       a director of school safety, discipline, and student  
4       assistance to develop and implement a school safety  
5       plan.”.

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