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[Report No. 106-718]

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to make grants to improve security at schools, including the placement and use of metal detectors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. BONO, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. LOWEY, and Ms. SANCHEZ

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 28, 2000]

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schools, including the placement and use of metal detectors.

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 “Secure Our Schools Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL**
6 **SECURITY.**

7 *Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets*
8 *Act of 1968 is amended by inserting after part Z the fol-*
9 *lowing new part:*

10 **“PART AA—MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR**
11 **SCHOOL SECURITY**

12 **“SEC. 2701. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

13 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is author-*
14 *ized to make grants to States, units of local government,*
15 *and Indian tribes to provide improved security, including*
16 *the placement and use of metal detectors and other deterrent*
17 *measures, at schools and on school grounds.*

18 *“(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this*
19 *section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of*
20 *local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used to im-*
21 *prove security at schools and on school grounds in the juris-*
22 *isdiction of the grantee through one or more of the following:*

23 *“(1) Placement and use of metal detectors, locks,*
24 *lighting, and other deterrent measures.*

1 “(2) *Security assessments.*

2 “(3) *Security training of personnel and students.*

3 “(4) *Coordination with local law enforcement.*

4 “(5) *Any other measure that, in the determina-*
5 *tion of the Attorney General, may provide a signifi-*
6 *cant improvement in security.*

7 “(c) *PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding*
8 *grants under this part, the Attorney General shall give pref-*
9 *erential consideration, if feasible, to an application from*
10 *a jurisdiction that has a demonstrated need for improved*
11 *security, has a demonstrated need for financial assistance,*
12 *and has evidenced the ability to make the improvements*
13 *for which the grant amounts are sought.*

14 “(d) *MATCHING FUNDS.—*

15 “(1) *The portion of the costs of a program pro-*
16 *vided by a grant under subsection (a) may not exceed*
17 *50 percent.*

18 “(2) *Any funds appropriated by Congress for the*
19 *activities of any agency of an Indian tribal govern-*
20 *ment or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing law*
21 *enforcement functions on any Indian lands may be*
22 *used to provide the non-Federal share of a matching*
23 *requirement funded under this subsection.*

24 “(3) *The Attorney General may provide, in the*
25 *guidelines implementing this section, for the require-*

1 *ment of paragraph (1) to be waived or altered in the*
2 *case of a recipient with a financial need for such a*
3 *waiver or alteration.*

4 *“(e) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding grants*
5 *under this part, the Attorney General shall ensure, to the*
6 *extent practicable, an equitable geographic distribution*
7 *among the regions of the United States and among urban,*
8 *suburban, and rural areas.*

9 *“(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Attorney General*
10 *may reserve not more than 2 percent from amounts appro-*
11 *riated to carry out this Act for administrative costs.*

12 **“SEC. 2702. APPLICATIONS.**

13 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this*
14 *part, the chief executive of a State, unit of local government,*
15 *or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the Attorney*
16 *General at such time, in such manner, and accompanied*
17 *by such information as the Attorney General may require.*
18 *Each application shall—*

19 *“(1) include a detailed explanation of—*

20 *“(A) the intended uses of funds provided*
21 *under the grant; and*

22 *“(B) how the activities funded under the*
23 *grant will meet the purpose of this part; and*

24 *“(2) be accompanied by an assurance that the*
25 *application was prepared after consultation with in-*

1 *dividuals not limited to law enforcement officers (such*
2 *as school violence researchers, child psychologists, so-*
3 *cial workers, teachers, principals, and other school*
4 *personnel) to ensure that the improvements to be*
5 *funded under the grant are—*

6 *“(A) consistent with a comprehensive ap-*
7 *proach to preventing school violence; and*

8 *“(B) individualized to the needs of each*
9 *school at which those improvements are to be*
10 *made.*

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

18 **“SEC. 2703. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

19 *“Not later than November 30th of each year, the Attor-*
20 *ney General shall submit a report to the Congress regarding*
21 *the activities carried out under this part. Each such report*
22 *shall include, for the preceding fiscal year, the number of*
23 *grants funded under this part, the amount of funds pro-*
24 *vided under those grants, and the activities for which those*
25 *funds were used.*

1 **“SEC. 2704. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *“For purposes of this part—*

3 *“(1) the term ‘school’ means a public elementary*
4 *or secondary school;*

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

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)).*

13 **“SEC. 2705. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 *“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out*
15 *this part the following amounts:*

16 *“(1) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.*

17 *“(2) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.*

18 *“(3) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.”.*

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