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## AN ACT

To amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 to prevent the abuse of inhalants through programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 4131 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
3 Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7141) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(7) ABUSE.—The term ‘abuse’, used with re-  
6 spect to an inhalant, means the intentional breath-  
7 ing of gas or vapors from the inhalant for the pur-  
8 pose of achieving an altered state of consciousness.

9 “(8) DRUG.—The term ‘drug’ includes a sub-  
10 stance that is an inhalant, whether or not possession  
11 or consumption of the substance is legal.

12 “(9) INHALANT.—The term ‘inhalant’ means a  
13 product that—

14 “(A) may be a legal, commonly available  
15 product; and

16 “(B) has a useful purpose but can be  
17 abused, such as spray paint, glue, gasoline, cor-  
18 rection fluid, furniture polish, a felt tip marker,  
19 pressurized whipped cream, an air freshener,  
20 butane, or cooking spray.

21 “(10) USE.—The term ‘use’, used with respect  
22 to an inhalant, means abuse of the inhalant.”.

23 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

24 Section 4002 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
25 Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7102) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, and the  
2 abuse of inhalants,” after “other drugs”;

3 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and the ille-  
4 gal use of alcohol and drugs” and inserting “, the  
5 illegal use of alcohol and drugs, and the abuse of  
6 inhalants”;

7 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking “and tobacco”  
8 each place it appears and inserting “, tobacco, and  
9 inhalants”;

10 (4) in paragraph (9), by striking “and illegal  
11 drug use” and inserting “, illegal drug use, and in-  
12 halant abuse”; and

13 (5) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(11)(A) The number of children using  
15 inhalants has doubled during the 10-year period pre-  
16 ceding 1999. Inhalants are the third most abused  
17 class of substances by children age 12 through 14 in  
18 the United States, behind alcohol and tobacco. One  
19 of 5 students in the United States has tried  
20 inhalants by the time the student has reached the  
21 8th grade.

22 “(B) Inhalant vapors react with fatty tissues in  
23 the brain, literally dissolving the tissues. A single  
24 use of inhalants can cause instant and permanent  
25 brain, heart, kidney, liver, and other organ damage.

1       The user of an inhalant can suffer from Sudden  
2       Sniffing Death Syndrome, which can cause a user to  
3       die the first, tenth, or hundredth time the user uses  
4       an inhalant.

5               “(C) Because inhalants are legal, education on  
6       the dangers of inhalant abuse is the most effective  
7       method of preventing the abuse of inhalants.”.

8       **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

9       Section 4003 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
10      Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7103) is amended,  
11      in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “and  
12      abuse of inhalants” after “and drugs”.

13      **SEC. 4. GOVERNOR’S PROGRAMS.**

14      Section 4114(c)(2) of the Safe and Drug-Free  
15      Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C.  
16      7114(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “(including inhalant  
17      abuse education)” after “drug and violence prevention”.

18      **SEC. 5. DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

19      Section 4116 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
20      Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7116) is amended—

21              (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by inserting “, and  
22      the abuse of inhalants,” after “illegal drugs”; and

23              (2) in subsection (b)—

24                      (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by inserting “and the abuse of  
2 inhalants” after “use of illegal drugs”; and

3 (ii) by inserting “and abuse  
4 inhalants” after “use illegal drugs”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
7 graph (A), by inserting “(including age ap-  
8 propriate inhalant abuse prevention pro-  
9 grams for all students, from the preschool  
10 level through grade 12)” after “drug pre-  
11 vention”; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
13 “and inhalant abuse” after “drug use”.

14 **SEC. 6. FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.**

15 Section 4121(a) of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools  
16 and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7131(a)) is  
17 amended, in the first sentence, by striking “illegal use of  
18 drugs” and inserting “illegal use of drugs, the abuse of  
19 inhalants,”.

20 **SEC. 7. MATERIALS.**

21 Section 4132(a) of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools  
22 and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7142(a)) is  
23 amended by striking “illegal use of alcohol and other  
24 drugs” and inserting “illegal use of alcohol and other  
25 drugs and the abuse of inhalants”.

1 **SEC. 8. QUALITY RATING.**

2       Section 4134(b)(1) of the Safe and Drug-Free  
3 Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C.  
4 7144(b)(1)) is amended by inserting “, and the abuse of  
5 inhalants,” after “tobacco”.

Passed the Senate April 30, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*