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To establish the National Commission on Youth Crime and School Violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To establish the National Commission on Youth Crime and
School Violence.

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. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 There is established a commission to be known as the
5 “National Commission on Youth Crime and School Vio-
6 lence” (in this Act referred to as the “Commission”).

7 **SEC. 2. DUTY OF COMMISSION.**

8 The Commission shall make recommendations on how
9 to deter youth crime and protect children from violence
10 in schools.

1 **SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission
3 shall be composed of 8 members appointed from among
4 persons who are not officers or employees of any govern-
5 ment, as follows:

6 (1) 2 members appointed by the President.

7 (2) 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives.

9 (3) 2 members appointed by the Majority Lead-
10 er of the Senate.

11 (4) 1 member appointed by the Minority Leader
12 of the Senate.

13 (5) 1 member appointed by the Minority Leader
14 of the House of Representatives.

15 (b) TERM OF OFFICE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each member shall be ap-
17 pointed for the life of the Commission.

18 (2) SPECIAL RULE.—A member who is ap-
19 pointed to the Commission and who becomes an offi-
20 cer or employee of a government may not continue
21 as a member.

22 (c) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall
23 be filled in the manner in which the original appointment
24 was made.

25 (d) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Com-
26 mission shall be elected by the members. For purposes of

1 such election, the provisional Chairperson shall be des-
2 ignated by the President.

3 (e) PAY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

4 (1) RATE OF PAY.—Each Commission member
5 shall each be paid at a rate equal to the daily equiv-
6 alent of the minimum annual rate of basic pay pay-
7 able for level IV of the Executive Schedule under
8 section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each
9 day (including travel time) during which the mem-
10 bers are engaged in the actual performance of duties
11 vested in the Commission.

12 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each Commission
13 member shall receive travel expenses, including per
14 diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sec-
15 tions 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

16 **SEC. 4. DIRECTOR AND STAFF.**

17 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall appoint a Di-
18 rector without regard to section 5311(b) of title 5, United
19 States Code. The Director shall be paid at the rate of
20 basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule
21 under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

22 (b) STAFF.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
24 the Director, with the approval of the Commission,
25 may appoint and fix the pay of additional personnel.

1 (2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERV-
2 ICE LAWS.—The Director may make such appoint-
3 ments subject to the provisions of title 5, United
4 States Code, governing appointments in the competi-
5 tive service, and any personnel so appointed shall be
6 paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 51
7 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of that title relat-
8 ing to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

9 (c) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—On request of
10 the Commission, the head of any Federal department or
11 agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the
12 personnel of that department or agency to the Commission
13 to assist it in carrying out its duties under this Act.

14 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—On the
15 request of the Commission, the Administrator of General
16 Services shall provide to the Commission, on a reimburs-
17 able basis, the administrative support services necessary
18 for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under
19 this Act.

20 **SEC. 5. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

21 (a) MEETINGS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall meet
23 at the call of the Chairperson.

1 (2) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
2 the Commission shall constitute a quorum but a
3 lesser number may hold hearings.

4 (b) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission
5 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-
6 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and
7 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

8 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
9 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
10 United States information necessary to enable it to carry
11 out this Act. Upon request of the Commission, the head
12 of that department or agency shall furnish that informa-
13 tion to the Commission.

14 (d) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United
15 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
16 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
17 States.

18 **SEC. 6. REPORTS.**

19 (a) INTERIM REPORT.—Within 6 months after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
21 submit to the Speaker, the Minority Leader, and Com-
22 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,
23 and the Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and Committee
24 on the Judiciary of the Senate, an interim report on the
25 activities of the Commission under this Act.

1 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission
3 shall transmit to the officials specified in subsection (a)
4 a final report. The final report shall contain a detailed
5 statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commis-
6 sion, together with its recommendations for legislation, ad-
7 ministrative action, and such other action as the Commis-
8 sion considers appropriate.

9 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

10 The Commission shall terminate 15 days after sub-
11 mitting its final report pursuant to section 6(b).

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