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# H. R. 1097

To improve the grant program for secure schools under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BACA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “School Safety En-  
5 hancements Act of 2007”.

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

7 Section 2701 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
8 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797a) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “surveil-  
2 lance equipment,” after “detectors,”;

3 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
4 ing the following:

5 “(2) Establishment of hotlines or tiplines for  
6 the reporting of potentially dangerous students and  
7 situations.”;

8 (C) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
9 paragraph (6); and

10 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
11 following:

12 “(5) Capital improvements to make school fa-  
13 cilities more secure.”;

14 (2) by striking subsection (d)(1) and inserting  
15 the following:

16 “(1) The Federal share of the costs of a pro-  
17 gram provided by a grant under subsection (a) shall  
18 be 80 percent of the total of such costs. The non-  
19 Federal share of such costs shall be 20 percent of  
20 such costs.”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(g) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—Not later than 60  
23 days after the date of enactment of the School Safety En-  
24 hancements Act of 2007, the Director and the Secretary  
25 of Education, or the designee of the Secretary, shall estab-

1 lish an interagency task force to develop and promulgate  
2 a set of advisory school safety guidelines. The advisory  
3 school safety guidelines shall be published in the Federal  
4 Register by not later than June 1, 2008.”.

5 **SEC. 3. APPLICATIONS.**

6 Section 2702(a)(2) of the Omnibus Crime Control  
7 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797b(a)(2)) is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(2) be accompanied by a report, signed by the  
10 chief education officer and the attorney general or  
11 other chief legal officer of the State, unit of local  
12 government, or Indian tribe, demonstrating that  
13 each proposed use of the grant funds will be—

14 “(A) an effective means for improving the  
15 safety of one or more schools;

16 “(B) consistent with a comprehensive ap-  
17 proach to preventing school violence; and

18 “(C) individualized to the needs of each  
19 school at which those improvements are to be  
20 made.”.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 Section 2705 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
23 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797e) is amended by  
24 striking “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001

1 through 2009” and inserting “\$50,000,000 for each of the  
2 fiscal years 2008 and 2009”.

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