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## AN ACT

To enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “School Safety En-  
3 hancements Act of 2008”.

4 **TITLE I—ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**  
5 **ONDARY EDUCATION SAFETY**  
6 **ENHANCEMENTS**

7 **SEC. 101. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL SECURITY.**

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

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) by striking “Placement” and in-  
13 sserting “Installation”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “surveillance equip-  
15 ment,” after “detectors,”;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
17 paragraph (6); and

18 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
19 following:

20 “(5) Establishment of hotlines or tiplines for  
21 the reporting of potentially dangerous students and  
22 situations.”;

23 (2) by striking subsection (d)(1) and inserting  
24 the following:

25 “(1) The Federal share of the costs of a pro-  
26 gram provided by a grant under subsection (a) shall

1 be not more than 80 percent of the total of such  
2 costs.”; and

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

4 “(g) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—Not later than 60  
5 days after the date of enactment of the School Safety En-  
6 hancements Act of 2008, the Director and the Secretary  
7 of Education, or the designee of the Secretary, shall estab-  
8 lish an interagency task force to develop and promulgate  
9 a set of advisory school safety guidelines. The advisory  
10 school safety guidelines shall be published in the Federal  
11 Register by not later than one year after such date of en-  
12 actment. In developing the final advisory school safety  
13 guidelines, the interagency task force shall consult with  
14 stakeholders and interested parties, including parents,  
15 teachers, and agencies.”.

16 **SEC. 102. APPLICATIONS.**

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

20 “(2) be accompanied by a report, signed by the  
21 chief education officer and the attorney general or  
22 other chief law enforcement executive of the State,  
23 unit of local government, or Indian tribe, certifying  
24 that each proposed use of the grant funds will be—

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

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

5           “(C) individualized to the needs of each  
6           school at which those improvements are to be  
7           made.”.

8   **SEC. 103. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

9           Section 2703 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
10          Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797e) is amended by  
11          striking “and the activities for which those funds were  
12          used” and inserting “and a detailed itemization of how  
13          those funds were utilized”.

14   **SEC. 104. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15          Section 2705 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
16          Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797e) is amended by  
17          striking “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001  
18          through 2009” and inserting “\$50,000,000 for each of the  
19          fiscal years 2009 and 2010”.

20   **SEC. 105. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT.**

21          Paragraph (5) of section 2701(b) of the Omnibus  
22          Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
23          3797a(b)) (as amended by section 101 of this Act) is fur-  
24          ther amended by inserting “, including hazardous condi-  
25          tions” after “and situations”.

1 **SEC. 106. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM FOR SCHOOL SECURITY.**

3 Section 2701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and  
4 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797a(b)) (as amend-  
5 ed by sections 101 and 105 of this Act) is further amended  
6 by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new para-  
7 graph (and redesignating the succeeding paragraphs ac-  
8 cordingly):

9 “(5) Development and implementation of safety  
10 measures to protect students in the event of a ter-  
11 rorist attack or other hazardous condition or situa-  
12 tion.”.

13 **TITLE II—HIGHER EDUCATION**  
14 **SECURITY ENHANCEMENT**

15 **SEC. 201. REQUIREMENT FOR CAMPUS SAFETY ASSESS-**  
16 **MENTS.**

17 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
18 U.S.C. 1092) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 “(n) **CAMPUS SAFETY ASSESSMENT.**—Each eligible  
21 institution participating in any program under this title  
22 shall conduct an annual campus safety assessment that  
23 shall be prepared through consultation between the insti-  
24 tution’s staff, including safety and security personnel, and  
25 local law enforcement officials.”.

1 **SEC. 202. REQUIREMENT FOR CAMPUS EMERGENCY RE-**  
2 **SPONSE PLANS.**

3 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
4 as amended in section 201 (20 U.S.C. 1092), is further  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(o) **CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN.**—Each  
7 eligible institution participating in any program under this  
8 title shall develop and implement a campus emergency re-  
9 sponse plan to address a comprehensive set of emergency  
10 situations, including the following:

11 “(1) Natural disasters.

12 “(2) Active shooter situations.

13 “(3) Terrorist attacks.”.

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Attest:

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*Clerk.*