

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2616

To authorize the Attorney General to award grants to eligible entities to prevent or alleviate community violence by providing education, mentoring, and counseling services to children, adolescents, teachers, families, and community leaders on the principles and practice of nonviolence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. STARK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. McDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Securing American
5 Families by Educating and Training Youth (SAFETY)
6 Through Nonviolence Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO EDUCATE AMERICANS ABOUT THE**
2 **PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE.**

3 (a) GRANTS.—The Attorney General may make
4 grants to eligible entities to prevent or alleviate the effects
5 of community violence by providing education, mentoring,
6 and counseling to youth regarding the principles and ap-
7 plication of nonviolence in conflict resolution.

8 (b) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
9 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to applicants that
10 agree to use the grant in 1 or more eligible urban, rural,
11 Tribal, and suburban communities that can certify—

12 (1) an increase in community, especially youth
13 violence; and

14 (2) lack the monetary or other resources to ad-
15 dress violence prevention.

16 (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not make a
17 grant to an eligible entity under this section unless the
18 entity agrees to use not more than 40 percent of such
19 grant for nonviolence-prevention education and program
20 development.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “eligible entity” means a State or
23 local government entity, educational institution, non-
24 profit, or faith-based organization.

25 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
26 of Health and Human Services.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
2 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
3 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years from 2010 through
4 2015.

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