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H. R. 2102

To provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2013

Ms. ESTY (for herself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. HIMES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Helping Communities
5 Rebuild After Deadly School Shootings and Other Trau-
6 matic Events Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. GRANT AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.**

8 Section 4121 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7131) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraph (9) as
2 paragraph (10);

3 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking “and”
4 after the semicolon; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
6 following:

7 “(9) from the funds appropriated under sub-
8 section (c), and notwithstanding section 4154(1), the
9 provision of financial assistance (not to exceed 50
10 percent of the total cost specified in the application)
11 for a local educational agency that has an applica-
12 tion approved by the Secretary and serves a school
13 in which the learning environment has been dis-
14 rupted due to a violent or traumatic crisis that took
15 place on the school campus, to enable such local edu-
16 cational agency to carry out—

17 “(A) the acquisition (by purchase, lease,
18 donation, or otherwise) of an interest in im-
19 proved or unimproved real property that the
20 local educational agency deems necessary to
21 commence or continue an appropriate learning
22 environment in a public elementary or sec-
23 ondary school, as a result of damage incurred
24 by a violent or traumatic crisis; and

1 “(B) the construction of new facilities, or
2 the renovation, repair, or alteration of existing
3 facilities, that the local educational agency
4 deems necessary to commence or continue an
5 appropriate learning environment in a public el-
6 ementary or secondary school, as a result of
7 damage incurred by a violent or traumatic cri-
8 sis; and”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the activi-
12 ties described in subsection (a)(9) such sums as may be
13 necessary for fiscal year 2014 and each of the 4 suc-
14 ceeding fiscal years. Funds made available to carry out
15 subsection (a)(9) shall remain available until expended.”.

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