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S. 1025

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2013

Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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