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To establish an Anti-Bullying Roundtable to study bullying in elementary and secondary schools in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONOVAN 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. ANTI-BULLYING ROUNDTABLE.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall establish
5 a commission to be known as the “Anti-Bullying Round-
6 table” (in this Act referred to as the “Roundtable”).

7 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Roundtable shall be
8 to study bullying in elementary and secondary schools in
9 the United States by consulting with State and local edu-
10 cational agencies regarding—

- 1 (1) current policies on bullying;
- 2 (2) teacher education;
- 3 (3) parent and student education;
- 4 (4) instances of student violence as a result of
- 5 bullying; and
- 6 (5) instances of student self-harm as a result of
- 7 bullying.

8 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Round-
10 table shall be composed of 13 members appointed by
11 the President according to the following procedure:

12 (A) The President shall appoint one indi-
13 vidual to serve as chair of the Roundtable.

14 (B) The President shall appoint 12 individ-
15 uals who are one of the following types of
16 stakeholders to serve as members of the Round-
17 table:

- 18 (i) Teachers.
- 19 (ii) School administrators.
- 20 (iii) Parents of schoolchildren.
- 21 (iv) Bullied children.
- 22 (v) Guidance counselors.
- 23 (vi) Child psychologists.
- 24 (vii) Paraprofessionals.
- 25 (viii) School resource officers.

1 (ix) Campus security officers.

2 (x) School police officers.

3 (xi) Other specialized instructional
4 support personnel.

5 (xii) Other relevant law enforcement
6 entities.

7 (xiii) Other interested parties.

8 (C) Members of Congress may submit let-
9 ters of recommendation to the President re-
10 garding the members to be appointed pursuant
11 to paragraph (B).

12 (2) TERMS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member shall be
14 appointed for the duration of the existence of
15 the Roundtable.

16 (B) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Round-
17 table shall be filled in the manner in which the
18 original appointment was made.

19 (3) PAY.—Members of the Roundtable shall
20 serve without pay.

21 (d) TIME FRAME FOR FORMATION.—Not later than
22 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Presi-
23 dent shall appoint the 13 members described in subsection
24 (c) and certify to Congress that the Roundtable has been
25 formed.

1 (e) POWERS OF ROUNDTABLE.—

2 (1) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Round-
3 table may, for the purpose of carrying out this sec-
4 tion, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places,
5 take testimony, and receive evidence as the Round-
6 table considers appropriate.

7 (2) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Round-
8 table may secure directly from any department or
9 agency of the United States information necessary
10 to enable it to carry out this Act. Upon request of
11 the chair of the Roundtable, the head of that depart-
12 ment or agency shall furnish that information to the
13 Roundtable.

14 (3) MAILS.—The Roundtable may use the
15 United States mails in the same manner and under
16 the same conditions as other departments and agen-
17 cies of the United States.

18 (4) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—
19 Upon request of the Roundtable, the Administrator
20 of General Services shall provide to the Commission,
21 on a reimbursable basis, the administrative support
22 services necessary for the Roundtable to carry out
23 its responsibilities under this Act.

24 (f) REPORTS.—

1 (1) BEST PRACTICES REPORT.—Not later than
2 270 days after the date on which the President cer-
3 tifies to Congress that the Roundtable has been
4 formed, the Roundtable shall submit to Congress a
5 report on best practices concerning bullying in ele-
6 mentary and secondary schools in the United States
7 that contains, among other things—

8 (A) recommendations for how to combat
9 bullying;

10 (B) recommendations for how to best edu-
11 cate educators, administrators, and all relevant
12 school staff on recognizing bullying; and

13 (C) recommendations for how parents can
14 best address and discuss with their children the
15 early warning signs of bullying.

16 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
17 after the date on which the President certifies to
18 Congress that the Roundtable has been formed, the
19 Roundtable shall transmit a final report to Congress
20 containing—

21 (A) a detailed statement of the findings
22 and conclusions of the Roundtable; and

23 (B) the recommendations of the Round-
24 table for legislation or administrative actions
25 the Roundtable considers appropriate.

- 1 (g) TERMINATION.—The Roundtable shall terminate
2 upon submission of the final report pursuant to subsection
3 (f)(2).

