

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5243

To direct the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to develop and implement national standards and best practices for school resource officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “School Watch and
5 Training Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STAND-**
2 **ARDS AND BEST PRACTICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,
5 in consultation with the Secretary of Education, shall de-
6 velop and implement—

7 (1) national standards for school resource offi-
8 cers, including—

9 (A) a requirement that all school resource
10 officers complete any training recommended by
11 the Attorney General and the Secretary;

12 (B) standards governing the quality of se-
13 curity training and active shooter training pro-
14 vided to school resource officers; and

15 (C) any other standards the Attorney Gen-
16 eral and the Secretary determine to be nec-
17 essary to ensure the competence of school re-
18 source officers; and

19 (2) best practices for school resource officers.

20 (b) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINED.—In this
21 section, the term “school resource officer” has the mean-
22 ing given the term in section 1709(4) of the Omnibus
23 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
24 10389(4)).

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation
4 with the Secretary of Education, shall submit to Congress
5 a report that includes—

6 (1) the standards and best practices developed
7 under section 2; and

8 (2) a plan for implementing such standards and
9 best practices.

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