

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6798

To require the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences to make available to elementary and secondary school officials research for improving school safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. BYRNE (for himself and Mrs. HANDEL) 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 “Make Schools Safer
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH ON BEST PRAC-**
2 **TICES TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Institute of
4 Education Sciences shall make available to elementary
5 school and secondary school officials, including school
6 counselors, rigorous research, as determined by the Direc-
7 tor, for improving school safety, which may include identi-
8 fying best practices for—

9 (1) educating appropriate school personnel on
10 techniques for identifying students who may pose a
11 violent threat; and

12 (2) collaborating, as appropriate, with health
13 care professionals, State and local law enforcement,
14 youth organizations, and parents to implement pro-
15 cedures for—

16 (A) early identification of students at risk
17 of committing violence, including those who
18 may have mental illness;

19 (B) use of crisis response systems;

20 (C) use of referral mechanisms for mental
21 health and other treatment services; and

22 (D) designing interventions for students
23 described in subparagraph (A).

1 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be
2 constructed to authorize advocacy or promotion of gun
3 control.

