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To promote the creation of State anonymous school threat reporting programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself and Mr. HIMES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 "Safe to Tell Act of

5 2022".

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make

8 grants to States that enact a law described in section 3

9 and otherwise conforms its laws to the requirements of

10 section 3.

1   (b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant under this sec-

2 tion may be used for the establishment of a program de-

3 scribed in section 3.

4   (c) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under

5 this section shall submit to the Attorney General an appli-

6 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such

7 information as the Attorney General may reasonably re-

8 quire, including a copy of the law described in section 3(a).

9   (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is

10 authorized to be appropriated $25,000,000 for each of fis-

11 cal years 2023 through 2027.

12 **SEC. 3. STATE LAW DESCRIBED.**

13   (a) IN GENERAL.—A law described in this section is

14 a law establishing a program described in subsection (b).

15   (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A program estab-

16 lished under subsection (a) shall—

17   (1) establish and maintain methods (including a

18   telephone hotline, a mobile application, and a

19   website) that provide individuals with the means to

20   relay information anonymously concerning unsafe,

21   potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal

22   activities, or the threat of these activities, to appro-

23   priate law enforcement and public safety agencies

24   and school officials;

1   (2) establish methods and procedures to ensure

2 that the identity of the reporting parties remains un-

3 known to all persons and entities, including law en-

4 forcement officers and employees operating the pro-

5 gram;

6   (3) establish methods and procedures so that

7 information obtained from a reporting party who

8 voluntarily discloses his or her identity and verifies

9 that he or she is willing to be identified may be

10 shared with law enforcement officers, employees op-

11 erating the program, and with school officials;

12   (4) establish methods and procedures to ensure

13 that a reporting party's identity that becomes known

14 through any means other than voluntary disclosure

15 is not further disclosed;

16   (5) promptly forward information received by

17 the program to the appropriate law enforcement or

18 public safety agency or school officials;

19   (6) train law enforcement dispatch centers,

20 school districts, individual schools, and other entities

21 on appropriate awareness and response to informa-

22 tion received under the program;

23   (7) provide awareness and education materials

24 to participating schools and school district;

1   (8) monitor each reporting method under the
2 program 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, includ-
3 ing providing an answering service staffed with an
4 individual trained in receiving reports under the pro-
5 gram;

6   (9) provide accountability and quality assurance
7 measures, including disposition reporting, as well as
8 measures to prevent abuse;

9   (10) provide that, except as provided under
10 paragraph (11), materials created or obtained
11 through the implementation or operation of the pro-
12 gram are confidential, and a person shall not dis-
13 close the material; and

14   (11) provide that a person administering the
15 program may not be compelled to produce any infor-
16 mation received under the program or other mate-
17 rials produced as part of the program except on the
18 motion of a criminal defendant to the court in which
19 the offense is being tried.

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