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To improve school safety.

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Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Ms. MACE, and Mr. GRIFFITH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To improve school safety.

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 “Student and Teacher  
5 Safety Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTING SAFER SCHOOLS.**

7 (a) STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICH-  
8 MENT GRANTS.—Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the  
9 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
10 U.S.C. 7111 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating sections 4109 through  
2           4112 as sections 4110 through 4113, respectively;  
3           and

4           (2) by inserting after section 4108 the fol-  
5           lowing:

6   **“SEC. 4109. ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL SAFETY AND**  
7                   **PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS OR**  
8                   **SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

9           “Each local educational agency, or consortium of  
10 such agencies, that receives an allocation under section  
11 4105(a) may use such funds for school safety infrastruc-  
12 ture improvements to prevent, mitigate, or respond to inci-  
13 dents of violence.”.

14          (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 4102 of the Elementary  
15 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7112)  
16 is amended—

17           (1) in paragraph (5)(B), by inserting “including  
18           the prevention of gun violence,” after “school safe-  
19           ty,”;

20           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as  
21           paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

22           (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
23           lowing:

24           “(7) SCHOOL SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE IM-  
25           PROVEMENTS.—The term ‘school safety infrastruc-

1       ture improvements’ means improvements to the  
2       physical facility or technology of a school to prevent  
3       intruders from entering a school, ensure students  
4       and school personnel may safely enter the school  
5       building and exit during an emergency, or protect  
6       the life and well-being of students and school per-  
7       sonnel, including—

8               “(A) physical improvements to the school  
9               to prevent and deter unauthorized access to the  
10              school, including locks, double entry systems,  
11              hardened entrances, and interior and exterior  
12              video surveillance systems;

13             “(B) security doors, automatic locks, secu-  
14             rity glass, alarm systems, metal detectors, and  
15             sensor systems;

16             “(C) emergency communications systems,  
17             including wireless and geographically precise  
18             mobile alert systems;

19             “(D) perimeter fencing;

20             “(E) emergency exit systems;

21             “(F) duress or panic systems;

22             “(G) emergency tip lines; and

23             “(H) any other physical improvements to  
24             existing facilities where the primary purpose is  
25             to improve or enhance school safety.”.

1       (c) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—Section 4103(a)  
2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
3 (20 U.S.C. 7113(a)) is amended, in the matter preceding  
4 paragraph (1), by striking “section 4112” and inserting  
5 “section 4113”.

6       (d) STATE USE OF FUNDS.—Section 4104(b)(3)(B)  
7 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

9           (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;  
10       and

11           (2) by adding at the end the following:

12                   “(v) improving the safety and security  
13                   of schools, which may include—

14                           “(I) identifying and dissemi-  
15                           nating best practices for school safety;

16                           “(II) assisting in the establish-  
17                           ment or implementation of emergency  
18                           planning, which may include emer-  
19                           gency response teams to address  
20                           emergencies at schools;

21                           “(III) establishing or identifying  
22                           agreements with local law enforcement  
23                           and health agencies, including non-  
24                           profit, public, and private mental  
25                           health agencies and institutions, to

1 improve coordination of services and  
2 identify threats to the safety of stu-  
3 dents and school personnel; and  
4 “(IV) school safety infrastructure  
5 improvements; and”.

6 (e) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY APPLICATIONS.—

7 Section 4106(e) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7116(e)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (D)—

11 (i) by striking “4109” and inserting  
12 “4110”; and

13 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

14 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as  
15 subparagraph (F); and

16 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D),  
17 the following:

18 “(E) if applicable, how funds will be used  
19 for activities related to supporting school safety  
20 infrastructure improvements under section  
21 4109; and”; and

22 (2) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “,  
24 including charter schools where applicable,”  
25 after “schools”;

1 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)  
2 and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respec-  
3 tively;

4 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
5 the following:

6 “(E) use a portion of funds received under  
7 this subpart to support one or more of the ac-  
8 tivities authorized under section 4109;” and

9 (D) in subparagraph (F), as so redesign-  
10 nated—

11 (i) by striking “section 4109(a)” and  
12 inserting “section 4110(a);” and

13 (ii) by striking “section 4109(b)” and  
14 inserting “section 4110(b)”.

15 (f) ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT SAFE AND HEALTHY  
16 STUDENTS.—Section 4108 of the Elementary and Sec-  
17 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7118) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
20 striking “Subject to” and inserting the following:

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to”;

22 (2) in subsection (a)(5) (as amended by para-  
23 graph (1))—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), in the matter  
2 preceding clause (i), by striking “4111” and in-  
3 serting “4112”; and

4 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
5 “4111” and inserting “4112”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
8 tion shall be construed to—

9 “(1) prevent Federal, State, or local law en-  
10 forcement from detaining or arresting an individual  
11 who could otherwise be detained or arrested for an  
12 alleged violent offense;

13 “(2) otherwise interfere with Federal, State, or  
14 local law enforcement’s discretion to investigate le-  
15 gitimate threats to school safety; or

16 “(3) discourage school officials from referring  
17 an individual to law enforcement.”.

18 (g) ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE USE  
19 OF TECHNOLOGY.—Section 4110 of the Elementary and  
20 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7119), as  
21 redesignated by subsection (a), is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at  
24 the end;

1 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-  
 2 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(7) providing technology to improve school  
 5 safety.”; and

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) by striking “A local” and inserting the  
 8 following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A local”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in  
 12 paragraph (1) shall not apply to technology infra-  
 13 structure that is also a school safety infrastructure  
 14 improvement.”.

15 (h) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 16 in section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
 17 Act is amended by striking the items relating to sections  
 18 4109, 4110, 4111, and 4112 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 4109. Activities to support school safety and prevent violence against stu-  
 dents or school personnel.

“Sec. 4110. Activities to support the effective use of technology.

“Sec. 4111. Supplement, not supplant.

“Sec. 4112. Rule of construction.

“Sec. 4113. Authorization of appropriations.”.

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