

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5107

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to secure elementary schools and secondary schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Mr. WILLIAMS 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. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the top priority of
5 the Department of Education should be to keep American
6 children safe in schools.

7 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO SECURE SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated
9 to carry out this Act, the Secretary of Education shall
10 award grants to local educational agencies to secure the

1 elementary schools and secondary schools served by such
2 agencies.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this
4 Act, a local educational agency shall submit an application
5 to the Secretary of Education at such time, in such man-
6 ner, and containing such information that the Secretary
7 may require, which shall include the results of an inde-
8 pendent security assessment.

9 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency re-
10 ceiving a grant under this Act—

11 (1) shall use such grant to make the necessary
12 improvements to the security of the elementary
13 schools and secondary schools served by the agency
14 based upon the vulnerabilities determined in the in-
15 dividual security assessment completed by the agen-
16 cy under subsection (b);

17 (2) may use such grant to cover the cost of
18 such assessment; and

19 (3) may not use such grant for expenses unre-
20 lated to the cost of such assessment or such nec-
21 essary improvements.

22 (d) FUNDS.—Any amounts appropriated or otherwise
23 made available to the Secretary of Education for any pur-
24 pose for a fiscal year may be made available for this Act
25 for that fiscal year, notwithstanding any provision of law

1 with respect to the purpose, reprogramming, or transfer
2 of such amounts.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
5 school”, “local educational agency”, and “secondary
6 school” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
7 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9 (2) INDEPENDENT SECURITY ASSESSMENT.—
10 The term “independent security assessment” means
11 an assessment—

12 (A) conducted by an organization that does
13 not have a business relationship with the local
14 educational agency for which the assessment is
15 being conducted; and

16 (B) for which the content is determined by
17 the Secretary of Education.

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