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H. R. 5975

To authorize grants to implement school-community partnerships for preventing substance use and misuse among youth.

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Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMER, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. KEATING, and Ms. KAPTUR) introduced the following bill

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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Keeping Drugs Out
5 of Schools Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
2 the Director of the Office of National Drug Control
3 Policy.

4 (2) DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES FUNDED COALI-
5 TION.—The term “Drug-Free Communities funded
6 coalition” means a recipient of a grant under section
7 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21
8 U.S.C. 1532).

9 (3) EFFECTIVE DRUG PREVENTION PRO-
10 GRAMS.—The term “effective drug prevention pro-
11 grams”, with respect to a school-community partner-
12 ship between a Drug-Free Communities funded coa-
13 lition and a local school, means strategies, policies,
14 and activities that—

15 (A) are tailored to meet the needs of the
16 student population of the school, based on the
17 environment of the school and the community
18 surrounding the school; and

19 (B) prevent and reduce substance use and
20 misuse among local youth.

21 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
22 ty” means a coalition (within the meaning of section
23 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21
24 U.S.C. 1532)) that—

1 (A) is a Drug-Free Communities funded
2 coalition on or before the date on which the co-
3 alition submits an application under subsection
4 (d); and

5 (B) has a memorandum of understanding
6 in effect with not less than 1 local school to es-
7 tablish a school-community partnership.

8 (5) LOCAL SCHOOL.—The term “local school”
9 means an elementary, middle, or high school located
10 in the area served by the eligible entity.

11 (6) SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.—The
12 term “school-community partnership” means a part-
13 nership between a Drug-Free Communities funded
14 coalition and not less than 1 local school for the pur-
15 pose of implementing effective drug prevention pro-
16 grams.

17 (7) SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE.—The term
18 “substance use and misuse”—

19 (A) has the meaning given the term in
20 paragraph (9) of section 1023 of the Anti-Drug
21 Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1523); and

22 (B) includes the use of electronic or other
23 delivery mechanisms to consume a substance
24 described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of
25 that paragraph.

1 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—

3 (A) INITIAL GRANTS.—Subject to para-
4 graph (2), the Director may award grants to el-
5 igible entities for the purpose of implementing
6 a school-community partnership.

7 (B) RENEWAL GRANTS.—Subject to para-
8 graph (2), the Director may award to an eligi-
9 ble entity who has received a grant under sub-
10 paragraph (A) an additional grant for each fis-
11 cal year during the 3-fiscal-year period fol-
12 lowing the fiscal year for which the grant was
13 awarded under subparagraph (A), for the pur-
14 pose of continuing the school-community part-
15 nership.

16 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

17 (A) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant
18 under this subsection may not exceed \$75,000
19 for a fiscal year.

20 (B) RECIPIENTS.—Not more than 1 eligi-
21 ble entity may receive a grant under this sub-
22 section to establish a school-community partner-
23 ship with a particular local school.

24 (c) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—The Director may
25 enter into an interagency agreement with a National Drug

1 Control Program agency, as defined in section 702 of the
2 Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization
3 Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1701), to delegate authority for—

4 (1) the execution of grants under this section;
5 and

6 (2) other activities necessary to carry out the
7 responsibilities of the Director under this section.

8 (d) APPLICATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a
10 grant under this section, in coordination with each
11 local school with which the eligible entity has a
12 school-community partnership, shall submit to the
13 Director an application at such time, in such man-
14 ner, and accompanied by such information as the
15 Director may require.

16 (2) PLAN.—The application submitted under
17 paragraph (1) shall include a detailed, comprehen-
18 sive plan for the school-community partnership to
19 implement effective drug prevention programs.

20 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity receiving a
22 grant under this section shall use funds from the
23 grant—

24 (A) to implement the plan described in
25 subsection (d)(2); and

1 (B) if necessary, to obtain specialized
2 training and assistance from the organization
3 receiving the grant under section 4(a) of Public
4 Law 107–82 (21 U.S.C. 1521 note).

5 (2) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grants pro-
6 vided under this section shall be used to supplement,
7 and not supplant, Federal and non-Federal funds
8 that are otherwise available for drug prevention pro-
9 grams in local schools.

10 (f) EVALUATION.—Section 1032(a)(6) of the Anti-
11 Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1532(a)(6)) shall
12 apply to a grant under this section in the same manner
13 as that section applies to a grant under subchapter I of
14 chapter 2 of subtitle A of title I of that Act (21 U.S.C.
15 1531 et seq.).

16 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
18 appropriated to carry out this section \$7,000,000 for
19 each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.

20 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 8
21 percent of the funds appropriated under paragraph
22 (1) may be used by the Director for administrative
23 expenses associated with the responsibilities of the
24 Director under this section.

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