

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2495

To require State educational agencies to hire and train school resource officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Strengthening School
5 Security for Students Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIRING AND TRAINING OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OF-**
2 **FICERS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—No funds shall be made available
4 under any applicable program to any State educational
5 agency, unless such agency ensures each elementary school
6 and secondary school under the jurisdiction of such agency
7 hires two full time school resource officers for every 500
8 students in attendance at such school who are licensed to
9 carry a firearm and are trained to prevent student violence
10 to others and self.

11 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

12 (1) **APPLICABLE PROGRAM.**—The term “applicable
13 program” has the meaning given such term in
14 section 400(c) of the General Education Provisions
15 Act (20 U.S.C. 1221).

16 (2) **ESEA TERMS.**—The terms “elementary
17 school”, “secondary school”, and “State educational
18 agency” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
19 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

21 (3) **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.**—The term
22 “school resource officer” has the meaning given such
23 term in section 1709 of the Omnibus Crime Control
24 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10389).

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated \$28,000,000,000 for each
3 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

4 **SEC. 3. RESCISSION OF CERTAIN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**
5 **ACT OF 2021 FUNDS.**

6 The total unobligated balance of funds available
7 under the following accounts and programs established by
8 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–
9 2; in this section referred to as “ARPA”) are hereby re-
10 scinded:

11 (1) Fund for State, territories, tribal, and local
12 governments under section 602 or 603 of the Social
13 Security Act, as added by section 9901 of ARPA.

14 (2) Emergency rental assistance under section
15 3201 of ARPA.

16 (3) State small business credit initiative under
17 the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of
18 2010, as amended by section 3301 of ARPA.

19 (4) Federal Transit Administration grants
20 under section 3401 ARPA.

21 (5) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under
22 section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by
23 section 9901 of ARPA.

1 (6) Global response funds under section 10003
2 of ARPA.

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