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# H. R. 5523

To direct the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to develop and implement best practices for occupation-specific education for school resource officers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. MAST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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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 “School Watch and Tac-  
5 ties Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST**  
2 **PRACTICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in con-  
4 sultation with the Secretary of Education, shall—

5 (1) for the purpose of developing best practices  
6 for occupation-specific education for school resource  
7 officers, consult with—

8 (A) State educational agencies and local  
9 educational agencies;

10 (B) State and local law enforcement agen-  
11 cies;

12 (C) school resource officers;

13 (D) principals and other school leaders;

14 (E) school safety experts, including individ-  
15 uals with expertise in tactical responses to secu-  
16 rity concerns; and

17 (F) any other stakeholders determined to  
18 be relevant by the Attorney General;

19 (2) not later than one year after the date of the  
20 enactment of this Act, and based on the consultation  
21 carried out under paragraph (1), develop and dis-  
22 seminate best practices for any occupation-specific  
23 education for school resource officers, including edu-  
24 cation in tactical responses to active shooter inci-  
25 dents and other security concerns; and

1           (3) publish the best practices developed under  
2 paragraph (2) on a publicly accessible website of the  
3 Department of Justice.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5           (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—The term  
6 “school resource officer” has the meaning given the  
7 term in section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Con-  
8 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.  
9 10389(4)).

10           (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “local edu-  
11 cational agency”, “school leader”, and “State edu-  
12 cational agency” have the meanings given the terms  
13 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary  
14 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

15 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

16           Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
17 ment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation  
18 with the Secretary of Education, shall submit to Congress  
19 a report that includes the best practices developed under  
20 section 2.

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