

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6566

To authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to local educational agencies to make physical improvements at the elementary schools and secondary schools served by such agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. BACON) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stronger Schools Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education shall
7 make grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational
8 agencies to perform the physical improvements referred to

1 in subsection (b) for elementary schools and secondary
2 schools served by such agencies.

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Each local educational agency
4 receiving a grant under subsection (a) shall use such funds
5 to ensure each elementary school and secondary school
6 served by such agency—

7 (1) hires a school resource officer who carries
8 a firearm; and

9 (2) establishes a single point of entry that in-
10 cludes a locked anteroom—

11 (A) in which all guests of such school are
12 inspected by such officer prior to entry into an-
13 other area of such school; and

14 (B) which has metal detectors and bullet
15 proof windows at such point of entry.

16 (c) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under sub-
17 section (a), a local educational agency shall submit to the
18 Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
19 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
20 quire.

21 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
22 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall sub-
23 mit to Congress a report on the implementation of sub-
24 section (a).

25 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
2 school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary
3 school”, and “State educational agency” have the
4 meaning given such terms in section 8101 of the El-
5 elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
6 U.S.C. 7801).

7 (2) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—The term
8 “school resource officer” has the meaning given such
9 term in section 1709 of the Omnibus Crime Control
10 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10389).

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