

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7209

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Mr. MITCHELL (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. DUNN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BACON, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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 Resource Offi-  
5 cer Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) a school resource officer program provides  
4 a safe learning environment in our Nation’s schools,  
5 provides valuable resources to school staff members,  
6 and fosters positive relationships between youth and  
7 law enforcement;

8 (2) school resource officers are educators, infor-  
9 mal counselors and mentors, and law enforcement  
10 officers;

11 (3) local agencies need the resources and flexi-  
12 bility to establish school resource officer programs  
13 that will encourage partnerships between schools and  
14 local law enforcement agencies to develop innovative  
15 ways to make schools safe; and

16 (4) Federal grants for school resource officer  
17 salaries are intended to be a starting point for con-  
18 tinued local action and should not divert current  
19 designated funding.

20 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR COPS IN SCHOOLS.**

21 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
22 1001(a)(11)(A) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
23 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(11)(A)) is  
24 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-  
25 lowing: “, and \$300,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
26 through 2022”.

1 (b) REPEAL TERMINATION OF GRANTS FOR HIRING  
2 OFFICERS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1701(i) of the Om-  
4 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968  
5 (34 U.S.C. 10381(i)) is repealed.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
7 1701(j)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
8 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(j)(1)) is  
9 amended by striking “subsection (i) and”.

10 (c) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING.—Section  
11 1704 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act  
12 of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10384) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “\$75,000” and  
14 inserting “\$125,000”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(d) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS SET ASIDE.—  
17 Not less than 30 percent of the amount made available  
18 for hiring and rehiring additional career law enforcement  
19 officers shall be made available for the salaries and bene-  
20 fits of the school resource officers hired pursuant to a  
21 partnership described in section 1701(b)(12).”.

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