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To establish a grant program to encourage schools to conduct independent facility security risk assessments and make hard security improvements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 Violence Pre-
5 vention and Mitigation Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT.**

7 The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
8 1968 is amended by inserting after part BB the following:

**“PART CC—RISK ASSESSMENT AND HARD
SECURITY GRANT**

**“SEC. 2901. INDEPENDENT FACILITY SECURITY RISK AS-
SESSMENTS.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this part, the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (referred to in this part as the ‘COPS Director’) shall award grants to public schools to have independent facility security risk assessments performed.

“(b) APPLICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a public school shall submit to the COPS Director an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the COPS Director may require, including—

“(A) the size of the school;

“(B) a comprehensive report on the financial state of the school, including any Federal, State, or local funds used in the school’s budget; and

“(C) a certification to the Attorney General that the school is unable to cover the cost of an independent facility security risk assessment without the grant awarded under this section.

1 “(2) PRIORITY.—The COPS Director, in
 2 awarding a grant under this section, shall give pri-
 3 ority to applications of public schools that have expe-
 4 rienced an event in which an individual inflicts dead-
 5 ly harm or attempts to inflict deadly harm against
 6 multiple individuals.

7 “(c) INELIGIBILITY.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A public school shall be in-
 9 eligible to receive a grant under this section if it—

10 “(A) received a grant under this section or
 11 section 2902 in the previous 5 fiscal years; or

12 “(B) receives a grant under section 2902
 13 in the same fiscal year.

14 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
 15 (1), in the case that a grant recipient experiences an
 16 event in which an individual inflicts deadly harm or
 17 attempts to inflict deadly harm against multiple in-
 18 dividuals, such grant recipient shall be eligible to re-
 19 ceive an additional grant under this section or sec-
 20 tion 2902 in the fiscal year after the date of the
 21 event.

22 **“SEC. 2902. HARD SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180
 24 days after the date of enactment of this part, the COPS

1 Director shall award grants to public schools for the pur-
2 pose of making hard security improvements to schools.

3 “(b) APPLICATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
5 grant under this section, a public school shall submit
6 to the COPS Director an application at such time,
7 in such manner, and containing such information as
8 the COPS Director may require, which application
9 shall include—

10 “(A) the size of the school;

11 “(B) a comprehensive report on the finan-
12 cial state of the school, including any Federal,
13 State, or local funds used in the school’s budg-
14 et;

15 “(C) a comprehensive description of pre-
16 vious improvements made to the school meant
17 to address school security related vulnerabili-
18 ties;

19 “(D) the specific products and services
20 that will be purchased with the grant funds and
21 an estimate of such costs and services; and

22 “(E) the results of the school’s most recent
23 independent facility security risk assessment.

1 “(2) PRIORITY.—The COPS Director, in
2 awarding a grant under this section, shall give pri-
3 ority to applications of schools that—

4 “(A) have experienced an event in which
5 an individual inflicts deadly harm or attempts
6 to inflict deadly harm against multiple individ-
7 uals; or

8 “(B) have a higher tier of vulnerability
9 score according to a school’s most recent inde-
10 pendent facility security risk assessment.

11 “(c) INELIGIBILITY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A public school shall be in-
13 eligible to receive a grant under this section if—

14 “(A) a public school received a grant under
15 this section in the previous 5 fiscal years; or

16 “(B) a public school receives a grant under
17 section 2901 in the same fiscal year.

18 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
19 (1), in the case that a grant recipient experiences an
20 event in which an individual inflicts deadly harm or
21 attempts to inflict deadly harm against multiple in-
22 dividuals, such grant recipient shall be eligible to re-
23 ceive an additional grant under this section or sec-
24 tion 2901 in any fiscal year after the date on which
25 the event occurred.

1 “(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of a
3 grant received under this part may not exceed 50
4 percent of the hard security improvement costs.

5 “(2) WAIVER.—The COPS Director may waive
6 in whole or in part, the matching requirement under
7 paragraph (1) in the case that the recipient has a
8 financial need for such waiver.

9 “(e) GRANT CONDITIONS.—A recipient of a grant
10 under this section shall—

11 “(1) use the grant to make hard security im-
12 provements identified as necessary by the most re-
13 cent independent facility security risk assessment;

14 “(2) in the case that a panic alarm is not in-
15 stalled or operable according to the independent fa-
16 cility risk assessment, use the grant for the installa-
17 tion of at least 1 panic alarm for use in a school se-
18 curity emergency, including a non-fire evacuation,
19 lockdown, or active shooter situation, which alarm—

20 “(A) shall be directly linked to the local
21 law enforcement agency that is closest in prox-
22 imity to the grant recipient;

23 “(B) shall immediately transmit a signal
24 or message to such law enforcement agency
25 upon activation; and

1 “(C) shall not be audible within the public
2 school building;

3 “(3) before entering into a contract with a ven-
4 dor, obtain written confirmation from the law en-
5 forcement agency or entity that conducted the inde-
6 pendent facility security risk assessment that the im-
7 provement will mitigate a vulnerability identified in
8 the independent facility security risk assessment;
9 and

10 “(4) ensure that hard security improvements
11 comply with local building code requirements and
12 standards.

13 **“SEC. 2903. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION; REPORTS.**

14 “(a) INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The COPS Director shall
16 disseminate to each local educational agency in the
17 United States information about the availability of
18 grants under sections 2901 and 2902.

19 “(2) EVENT NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days
20 after an event in which an individual inflicts deadly
21 harm or attempts to inflict deadly harm against
22 multiple individuals occurs in a public school, the
23 Director shall contact verbally the head of such pub-
24 lic school to provide notice of priority eligibility for
25 grants under sections 2901 and 2902 and to offer

1 technical assistance in navigating the application
2 process.

3 “(b) GRANT RECIPIENT REPORT.—Not later than 1
4 year after receiving a grant under section 2901 or 2902,
5 the grant recipient shall submit to the COPS Director a
6 copy of the results of each independent facility security
7 risk assessment and a list of each hard improvement for
8 which the grant funds were used by the recipient.

9 “(c) COPS DIRECTOR REPORT.—Not later than 2
10 years after the date of enactment of this part, and annu-
11 ally thereafter, the COPS Director shall submit to the ap-
12 propriate congressional committees a report on the na-
13 tional state of physical security in schools, which shall in-
14 clude the contents of any information submitted by a
15 grant recipient under subsection (b).

16 **“SEC. 2904. TIERS OF VULNERABILITY.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The COPS Director, in consulta-
18 tion with school safety experts, including school resource
19 officers, shall issue guidelines implementing this part.
20 Such guidelines shall include a 4-tier scale for assessing
21 security vulnerabilities of schools in independent facility
22 security risk assessments. In the 4-tier scale developed
23 under this subsection, tier 4 shall indicate the highest level
24 of vulnerability.

1 “(b) FACTORS.—The factors to be considered in de-
2 termining a school facility’s level of vulnerability include—

3 “(1) the amount of violence occurring on cam-
4 pus involving deadly weapons, including knives
5 longer than 3 inches, firearms, and explosives;

6 “(2) the number of trespassers who have gained
7 access to campus in the last 3 years;

8 “(3) the ability of a school to carry out an ac-
9 tive shooter drill; and

10 “(4) the state of existing school security related
11 infrastructure.

12 **“SEC. 2905. DEFINITIONS.**

13 “In this part:

14 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees’ means the Committee on the Judiciary and
17 the Committee on Education and Labor of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on the
19 Judiciary and the Committee on Health, Education,
20 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

21 “(2) HARD SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.—The
22 term ‘hard security improvements’ means improve-
23 ments to the infrastructure of school property perim-
24 eter, parking lot perimeter, building perimeter, en-
25 trance and exit points of the school building, video

1 monitoring equipment, alert notification equipment,
2 the interior and perimeter of the classroom, and any
3 other physical improvements related to camera sys-
4 tems and related hardware, alarm and notification
5 technology, and visitor management technologies
6 deemed eligible for improvement by the COPS Di-
7 rector.

8 “(3) INDEPENDENT FACILITY SECURITY RISK
9 ASSESSMENT.—The term ‘independent facility secu-
10 rity risk assessment’ means an assessment that—

11 “(A) identifies active shooter and related
12 security vulnerabilities of public schools, consid-
13 ering security factors, including the strength
14 and maintenance levels of the property perim-
15 eter, parking lot perimeter, building perimeter,
16 and classroom and interior perimeter, and the
17 presence of a silent security system signal gen-
18 erated by the manual activation of a device in-
19 tended to signal a life-threatening or emergency
20 situation requiring a response from law enforce-
21 ment;

22 “(B) is conducted by—

23 “(i) an individual or entity qualified
24 under the Department of Homeland Secu-

1 rity Protective Security Advisor Program;
2 or

3 “(ii) a State or Federal law enforce-
4 ment agency; and

5 “(C) categorizes the security needs of a fa-
6 cility using the 4 tiers developed by the COPS
7 Director pursuant to section 2904.

8 “(4) PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The term ‘public
9 school’ means a public elementary school or a public
10 secondary school, including an elementary school or
11 a secondary school that is predominately funded by
12 an Indian tribal government.

13 **“SEC. 2906. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 “‘There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this part \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
16 through 2030, of which—

17 “(1) \$75,000,000 shall be made available for
18 grants for independent facility security risk assess-
19 ment; and

20 “(2) \$125,000,000 shall be made available for
21 grants for hard security improvements.”.

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