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S. 3162

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to make grants to improve security at schools, including the placement and use of metal detectors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Secure Our Schools
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL SECUR-**
 2 **RITY.**

3 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
 4 Streets Act of 1968 is amended by inserting after part
 5 Z the following new part:

6 **“PART AA—MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR**
 7 **SCHOOL SECURITY**

8 **“SEC. 2701. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is author-
 10 ized to make grants to States, units of local government,
 11 and Indian tribes to provide improved security, including
 12 the placement and use of metal detectors and other deter-
 13 rent measures, at schools and on school grounds.

14 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this
 15 section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of
 16 local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used to im-
 17 prove security at schools and on school grounds in the ju-
 18 risdiction of the grantee through one or more of the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(1) Placement and use of metal detectors,
 21 locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.

22 “(2) Security assessments.

23 “(3) Security training of personnel and stu-
 24 dents.

25 “(4) Coordination with local law enforcement.

1 “(5) Any other measure that, in the determina-
2 tion of the Attorney General, may provide a signifi-
3 cant improvement in security.

4 “(c) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding
5 grants under this part, the Attorney General shall give
6 preferential consideration, if feasible, to an application
7 from a jurisdiction that has a demonstrated need for im-
8 proved security, has a demonstrated need for financial as-
9 sistance, and has evidenced the ability to make the im-
10 provements for which the grant amounts are sought.

11 “(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

12 “(1) The portion of the costs of a program pro-
13 vided by a grant under subsection (a) may not ex-
14 ceed 50 percent.

15 “(2) Any funds appropriated by Congress for
16 the activities of any agency of an Indian tribal gov-
17 ernment or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing
18 law enforcement functions on any Indian lands may
19 be used to provide the non-Federal share of a
20 matching requirement funded under this subsection.

21 “(3) The Attorney General may provide, in the
22 guidelines implementing this section, for the require-
23 ment of paragraph (1) to be waived or altered in the
24 case of a recipient with a financial need for such a
25 waiver or alteration.

1 “(e) **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.**—In awarding
2 grants under this part, the Attorney General shall ensure,
3 to the extent practicable, an equitable geographic distribu-
4 tion among the regions of the United States and among
5 urban, suburban, and rural areas.

6 “(f) **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—The Attorney Gen-
7 eral may reserve not more than 2 percent from amounts
8 appropriated to carry out this Act for administrative costs.

9 **“SEC. 2702. APPLICATIONS.**

10 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—To request a grant under this
11 part, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-
12 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the
13 Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and ac-
14 companied by such information as the Attorney General
15 may require. Each application shall—

16 “(1) include a detailed explanation of—

17 “(A) the intended uses of funds provided
18 under the grant; and

19 “(B) how the activities funded under the
20 grant will meet the purpose of this part; and

21 “(2) be accompanied by an assurance that the
22 application was prepared after consultation with in-
23 dividuals not limited to law enforcement officers
24 (such as school violence researchers, child psycholo-
25 gists, social workers, teachers, principals, and other

1 school personnel) to ensure that the improvements to
2 be funded under the grant are—

3 “(A) consistent with a comprehensive ap-
4 proach to preventing school violence; and

5 “(B) individualized to the needs of each
6 school at which those improvements are to be
7 made.

8 “(b) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this part, the Attorney General
10 shall promulgate guidelines to implement this section (in-
11 cluding the information that must be included and the re-
12 quirements that the States, units of local government, and
13 Indian tribes must meet) in submitting the applications
14 required under this section.

15 **“SEC. 2703. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 “Not later than November 30th of each year, the At-
17 torney General shall submit a report to the Congress re-
18 garding the activities carried out under this part. Each
19 such report shall include, for the preceding fiscal year, the
20 number of grants funded under this part, the amount of
21 funds provided under those grants, and the activities for
22 which those funds were used.

23 **“SEC. 2704. DEFINITIONS.**

24 “For purposes of this part—

1 “(1) the term ‘school’ means a public elemen-
2 tary or secondary school;

3 “(2) the term ‘unit of local government’ means
4 a county, municipality, town, township, village, par-
5 ish, borough, or other unit of general government
6 below the State level; and

7 “(3) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the same mean-
8 ing as in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determina-
9 tion and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
10 450b(e)).

11 **“SEC. 2705. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 ““There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this part the following amounts:

14 “(1) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

15 “(2) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

16 “(3) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.”.

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