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To enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

To enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007''.

TITLE I—ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

SEC. 101. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL SECURITY.

Section 2701 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''surveillance equipment,'' after ''detectors,'';

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) Establishment of hotlines or tiplines for the reporting of potentially dangerous students and situations.'';

(C) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

''(5) Capital improvements to make school facilities more secure.'';

(2) by striking subsection (d)(1) and inserting the following:

''(1) The Federal share of the costs of a program provided by a grant under subsection (a) shall be 80 percent of the total of such costs. The non-

Federal share of such costs shall be 20 percent of such costs.''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(g) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of the School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007, the Director and the Secretary of Education, or the designee of the Secretary, shall establish an interagency task force to develop and promulgate a set of advisory school safety guidelines. The advisory school safety guidelines shall be published in the Federal Register by not later than June 1, 2008.''.

SEC. 102. APPLICATIONS.

Section 2702(a)(2) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797b(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

''(2) be accompanied by a report, signed by the chief education officer and the attorney general or other chief legal officer of the State, unit of local government, or Indian tribe, demonstrating that each proposed use of the grant funds will be—

''(A) an effective means for improving the safety of one or more schools;

''(B) consistent with a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence; and

"(C) individualized to the needs of each school at which those improvements are to be made.".

SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 2705 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797e) is amended by striking "$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009" and inserting "$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 and 2009".

TITLE II—HIGHER EDUCATION SECURITY ENHANCEMENT

SEC. 201. REQUIREMENT FOR CAMPUS SAFETY ASSESSMENTS.

Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) CAMPUS SAFETY ASSESSMENT.—Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title shall conduct an annual campus safety assessment that shall be prepared through consultation between the institution's staff, including safety and security personnel, and local law enforcement officials.".

SEC. 202. REQUIREMENT FOR CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS.

Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in section 201 (20 U.S.C. 1092), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(i) CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN.—Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title shall develop and implement a campus emergency response plan to address a comprehensive set of emergency situations, including the following:

''(1) Natural disasters.

''(2) Law enforcement emergencies, such as bomb threats or active shooter situations.

''(3) Terrorist threats or attacks.''.

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