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To award grants to local educational agencies and nonprofit organizations to operate after school programs in certain areas with a high rate of juvenile crime.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Advancing Frequent
5 and Tailored Education to Rebuild Safe Communities and
6 Help Orchestrate Opportunities and Learning Act” or the
7 “AFTER SCHOOL Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “local edu-
2 cational agency” and “secondary school” have the
3 meanings given those terms in section 8101 of the
4 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
5 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

6 (2) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—The term “eligible
7 applicant” means an eligible local educational agency
8 or an eligible nonprofit organization.

9 (3) ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—
10 The term “eligible local educational agency” means
11 a local educational agency that serves 1 or more sec-
12 ondary schools that are located in a county in which
13 the juvenile offense rate for the most recent fiscal
14 year for which data is available was not less than 10
15 percent.

16 (4) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The
17 term “eligible nonprofit organization” means an or-
18 ganization described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt
19 from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Rev-
20 enue Code of 1986 that—

21 (A) has experience in operating an after
22 school program or similar program for sec-
23 ondary school students; and

24 (B) is located in a county in which the ju-
25 venile offense rate for the most recent fiscal

1 year for which data is available was not less
2 than 10 percent.

3 (5) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—The term “eligible
4 students” means students in any of grades 6
5 through 12.

6 (6) JUVENILE OFFENSE RATE.—The term “ju-
7 venile offense rate” means the percentage of violent
8 offenses committed by any individual who is not
9 more than 19 years of age as compared to the total
10 number of violent offenses committed by all age
11 groups in a given county, as published in the Uni-
12 form Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bu-
13 reau of Investigation.

14 (b) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Attorney General
15 shall award grants, in accordance with subsection (c), to
16 eligible applicants that have an approved application in
17 order to enable those eligible applicants to provide after
18 school programs for eligible students, as described in sub-
19 section (f).

20 (c) FORMULA.—From the total amount made avail-
21 able to carry out this section, the Attorney General shall
22 allot to each eligible applicant having an application ap-
23 proved under subsection (e), an amount that bears the
24 same relationship to that total amount as the number of
25 eligible students who will be served by such eligible appli-

1 cant under this section bears to the number of eligible stu-
2 dents who will be served by all eligible applicants under
3 this section.

4 (d) NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY.—On the first day of the
5 first fiscal year beginning after the date of enactment of
6 this Act, and of each fiscal year thereafter, the Attorney
7 General shall—

8 (1) determine which counties in the United
9 States had a juvenile offense rate of not less than
10 10 percent during the most recent fiscal year for
11 which data is available;

12 (2) publish the determination of the Attorney
13 General under paragraph (1); and

14 (3) publish an application that eligible appli-
15 cants seeking a grant under this section can submit.

16 (e) APPLICATION.—An eligible applicant seeking a
17 grant under this section shall submit the application de-
18 scribed in subsection (d)(3) to the Attorney General at
19 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
20 tion as the Attorney General may require, including—

21 (1) the juvenile offense rate for the most recent
22 fiscal year for which data are available for—

23 (A) if the eligible applicant is an eligible
24 local educational agency, the county in which 1

1 or more secondary schools served by the eligible
2 local educational agency are located; or

3 (B) if the eligible applicant is an eligible
4 nonprofit organization, the county in which the
5 eligible nonprofit organization is located;

6 (2) an assurance that the eligible applicant—

7 (A) if the eligible applicant is an eligible
8 local educational agency, will carry out the after
9 school programs or will partner only with an el-
10 igible nonprofit organization to carry out such
11 programs; or

12 (B) if the eligible applicant is an eligible
13 nonprofit organization, will carry out the after
14 school programs; and

15 (3) information about the activities and fre-
16 quency of the after school programs that will be car-
17 ried out with grant funds under this section.

18 (f) USES OF FUNDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible applicant that re-
20 ceives a grant under this section shall use such
21 grant funds to operate after school programs for eli-
22 gible students, which may include—

23 (A) expanding existing after school pro-
24 grams for eligible students;

1 (B) developing and carrying out new after
2 school programs for eligible students; or

3 (C) if the eligible applicant is an eligible
4 local educational agency, partnering with an eli-
5 gible nonprofit organization to administer and
6 operate after school programs for eligible stu-
7 dents.

8 (2) COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—

9 An eligible applicant that receives a grant under this
10 section shall ensure that the after school programs
11 carried out with grant funds are programs that—

12 (A) are held when school is out of session;
13 and

14 (B) include activities that have an edu-
15 cational purpose that aim to—

16 (i) expand learning opportunities,

17 (ii) foster foundational skill develop-
18 ment,

19 (iii) provide youth leadership opportu-
20 nities; and

21 (iv) provide a safe and supportive en-
22 vironment.

23 (g) REPORTS.—

24 (1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT REPORTS.—Each eli-
25 gible applicant that receives a grant under this sec-

1 tion shall submit an annual report to the Attorney
2 General that describes—

3 (A) the number of schools served by an
4 after school program established or maintained
5 using funds under this section;

6 (B) the number of children served at each
7 such school; and

8 (C) the general successes and
9 vulnerabilities of the after school programs es-
10 tablished or maintained using funds under this
11 section.

12 (2) ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
13 than 90 days after the date as of which the Attorney
14 General has received all the reports for a year under
15 paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall submit to
16 Congress a report summarizing the reports received
17 under that paragraph.

18 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028,
21 and 2029, to remain available until expended.