

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4606

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to require silent alarms in elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 4, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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 “Alyssa’s Legacy Youth
5 in Schools Safety Alert Act” or the “ALYSSA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING SILENT ALARMS IN SCHOOLS.**

2 (a) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PLANS.—Section
3 1112(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6312(c)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(8) ensure that each school served by the local
7 educational agency is prepared to address a school
8 security emergency, including the use of panic
9 alarms which are not audible within the school build-
10 ing to adequately alert local law enforcement au-
11 thorities and emergency responders about a safety
12 issue at the school.”.

13 (b) CONDITION OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—Subpart 2
14 of part F of title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary
15 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amend-
16 ed by adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 8549D. SCHOOL SECURITY.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receipt of
19 funds under this Act, each local educational agency shall
20 ensure that each elementary school and secondary school
21 served by such local educational agency is equipped with
22 at least one panic alarm for use in a school security emer-
23 gency (including a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active
24 shooter situation).

25 “(b) PANIC ALARM DEFINED.—For purposes of this
26 section and section 1112(c)(8), the term ‘panic alarm’

1 means a silent security system signal generated by the
2 manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-
3 threatening or emergency situation requiring a response
4 from law enforcement.”.

5 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.**

6 Section 1101(a)(11) of the Omnibus Crime Control
7 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)(11))
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “\$1,047,119,000 for each of fiscal years 2006
11 through 2009” and inserting “\$1,097,119,000 for
12 each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting after “of
14 the purposes of part Q” the following: “, and not
15 less than \$50,000,000 shall be allocated for grants
16 pursuant to applications submitted by units of local
17 government or law enforcement agencies for the pur-
18 poses described in section 1701(b)(12)”.

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