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To establish a National Parents Corps Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “National Parents
5 Corps Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Most parents work and have limited time to
9 volunteer at the schools their children attend.

10 (2) A parent’s first responsibility is to the
11 health, safety, and stability of their children.

1 (3) Nearly one-third of children in the United
2 States ages 12 to 17 have used illicit drugs.

3 (4) According to the American Lung Associa-
4 tion, approximately 4,000 children between the ages
5 of 12 and 17 will smoke their first cigarette, and
6 adolescents who reported smoking cigarettes in the
7 last 30 days were more likely to use alcohol, smoke
8 marijuana, and use cocaine during the same period.

9 (5) Accidents, homicides, and suicides are the
10 leading causes of adolescent deaths. Most of these
11 deaths are connected to alcohol and drug use.

12 (6) The Office of National Drug Control Policy
13 reports that early action from friends, parents, or
14 loved-ones of a teen who has started using drugs
15 could help the teen stop before treatment may be
16 needed.

17 (7) In response to concerns about youth vio-
18 lence and drug, tobacco, and alcohol use by youth,
19 the White House unveiled the Parents Corps, a 3-
20 year initiative operating in 9 States to bring to-
21 gether citizenship, service, and responsibility to em-
22 power parents to keep their children, schools, and
23 communities drug-free.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL PARENTS CORPS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) GRANT TO ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM.—Subject
3 to the availability of appropriations to carry out this Act,
4 the Administrator shall, not later than 3 months after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, award a grant to an
6 eligible nonprofit entity to establish a National Parents
7 Corps Program (referred to in this Act as the “Program”)
8 to promote safety, combat youth violence, and combat
9 drug and alcohol abuse in schools in the United States.
10 The eligible nonprofit entity awarded such grant shall be
11 known as the “NPCP Nonprofit Partner”.

12 (b) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—The NPCP Nonprofit
13 Partner shall use the grant awarded under this section
14 to establish and administer the Program, which shall in-
15 clude—

16 (1) employing Parent Leaders to carry out the
17 Program at eligible schools that are selected to host
18 Parent Leaders, in accordance with sections 4 and
19 5; and

20 (2) working with schools, parents of children
21 enrolled in schools, local nonprofit organizations,
22 and law enforcement agencies and officers to pro-
23 mote safety, combat youth violence, and combat
24 drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse in schools.

1 **SEC. 4. PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOLS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the
4 NPCP Nonprofit Partner shall solicit applications from el-
5 igible schools desiring to participate in the Program by
6 hosting a Parent Leader. Each eligible school selected to
7 host a Parent Leader shall enter into a memorandum of
8 understanding with the NPCP Nonprofit Partner—

9 (1) in which the eligible school agrees to partici-
10 pate in the Program and host a Parent Leader for
11 the number of years that is equal to the number of
12 grade levels taught at the school; and

13 (2) that outlines the parameters and goals of
14 hosting a Parent Leader and carrying out the Pro-
15 gram at the eligible school, including how the Parent
16 Leader and the operation of the Program will ad-
17 dress the cultural, social, and crime prevention needs
18 and goals of the students at such school.

19 (b) SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting eligi-
20 ble schools to host Parent Leaders under this Act, the
21 NPCP Nonprofit Partner shall ensure that, to the extent
22 practicable, the eligible schools selected represent
23 schools—

24 (1) that are located in a variety of geographical
25 regions in the United States;

26 (2) in urban, rural, and suburban areas; and

1 (3) in ethnically and economically diverse com-
2 munities.

3 **SEC. 5. PARENT LEADERS.**

4 (a) PARENT LEADER FOR EACH SCHOOL.—For each
5 eligible school selected to participate in the Program as
6 a host school under section 4, the NPCP Nonprofit Part-
7 ner shall, after consultation with the principal of the se-
8 lected school, solicit applications for, hire, and employ one
9 Parent Leader. The Nonprofit Partner shall use the grant
10 funds provided under this Act to train, supervise, support,
11 and provide a salary and benefits to each Parent Leader.

12 (b) DUTIES OF PARENT LEADERS.—Each Parent
13 Leader employed by the Nonprofit Partner shall, with re-
14 spect to the eligible school hosting the Parent Leader—

15 (1) educate and mobilize parents of students at
16 the school to combat criminal and gang activity and
17 prevent students from social, cultural, and commer-
18 cial forces that encourage children and adolescents
19 to initiate the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco;

20 (2) create a delivery system to provide parents
21 of students at the school with information regarding
22 science-based prevention and analysis related to
23 early recognition of behaviors and traits that may
24 lead to or indicate drug, alcohol, and tobacco use
25 and abuse, gang activity, and violence;

1 (3) work with school officials, other parents of
2 students at the school, and students at the school to
3 develop programs and practices to treat, prevent,
4 and reduce violence and drug, alcohol, and tobacco
5 addiction for students at the school;

6 (4) assist parents of students at the school and
7 school administrators with finding professional as-
8 sistance for any child who—

9 (A) is using drugs, including referrals to
10 professionals who can assess the needs of the
11 child for counseling, treatment, and other ap-
12 propriate assistance; or

13 (B) is engaged in violent activities or gang
14 activities;

15 (5) recruit and train parent and student volun-
16 teers from the school to participate in drug and vio-
17 lence prevention and education outreach and pro-
18 gramming; and

19 (6) consult with the NPCP Nonprofit Partner,
20 school administrators, local government authorities,
21 local nonprofit organizations, and other parents to
22 develop best practices and training models related to
23 the prevention of school violence and drug, alcohol,
24 and tobacco use and abuse by students.

1 (c) PARENT LEADER ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to
2 be employed as a Parent Leader under this Act, an indi-
3 vidual shall—

4 (1) be the parent (as such term is defined in
5 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) of at least one
7 student who will be enrolled, during the first year
8 the individual will be employed as a Parent Leader,
9 in the lowest grade level offered at the school that
10 will host the Parent Leader;

11 (2) not be employed full-time at any position
12 other than as a Parent Leader;

13 (3) complete a background check, including
14 criminal records checks, fingerprint-based checks of
15 State and national crime information databases (as
16 defined in section 534(f)(3)(A) of title 28, United
17 States Code), checks in any available child abuse
18 and neglect registries, and checks in any available
19 sex offender registries; and

20 (4) enter into an agreement with the NPCP
21 Nonprofit Partner to serve as a Parent Leader for
22 a number of years that is equal to the number of
23 years normally required for a student to complete all
24 of the grade levels offered at the school that will
25 host the Parent Leader (as determined by the

1 school), except that the individual shall not be re-
2 quired to continue to serve as Parent Leader in the
3 case of an extreme, unforeseen circumstance (such
4 as death, disability, relocation, or criminal activity)
5 that prevents the individual from completing the
6 term of service required under this paragraph.

7 (d) VACANCIES.—If an individual who is employed as
8 a Parent Leader is unable to complete the term of service
9 required under subsection (c)(4), the NPCP Nonprofit
10 Partner shall, after consultation with the host school at
11 which the Parent Leader was serving, promptly solicit ap-
12 plications for, hire, and employ another individual to serve
13 as Parent Leader at such school, in accordance with the
14 requirements of this section.

15 **SEC. 6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

16 (a) REPORTS BY PARENT LEADERS.—Not less than
17 once each calendar quarter during each year a Parent
18 Leader is employed by the NPCP Nonprofit Partner, the
19 Parent Leader shall submit to the NPCP Nonprofit Part-
20 ner and the school hosting the Parent Leader a report
21 including activities carried out by the Parent Leader to
22 carry out the Program, the results of such activities, best
23 practices observed and used by the Parent Leader to carry
24 out the Program, and any other information the Parent

1 Leader, the NPCP Nonprofit Partner, or the school
2 hosting the Parent Leader determine to be appropriate.

3 (b) REPORTS BY NPCP NONPROFIT PARTNER.—Not
4 later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of
5 this Act, and every 6 months thereafter, the NPCP Non-
6 profit Partner shall prepare and submit to the Adminis-
7 trator a report on the progress and effectiveness of the
8 Program, including—

9 (1) statistics, trends, and other data analyzing
10 whether the Program is effective at preventing
11 school violence and drug, alcohol, and tobacco use
12 and abuse by students;

13 (2) a summary of the reports submitted by Par-
14 ent Leaders; and

15 (3) the results and best practices reported by
16 the Parent Leader at each school hosting a Parent
17 Leader.

18 (c) REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATOR.—Not later than
19 one year after the date of the enactment of this section,
20 and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall prepare
21 and submit to the Attorney General and the appropriate
22 Congressional committees a report relating to the progress
23 and effectiveness of the Program.

1 **SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of the Congress that eligible schools
3 selected to host a Parent Leader in accordance with sec-
4 tion 4 should take such actions as may be necessary to
5 secure funding to employ a Parent Leader to carry out
6 the Program after Federal funding is no longer available
7 to carry out this Act.

8 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
11 trator” means the Administrator of the Office of Ju-
12 venile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

13 (2) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITY.—The term
14 “eligible nonprofit entity” means an organization de-
15 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
16 Code of 1986 that—

17 (A) was operating on the day before the
18 date of the enactment of this Act;

19 (B) has demonstrated experience admin-
20 istering Federal grants in a fiscally responsible
21 manner, as determined by the Administrator;

22 (C) has administered national programs
23 relating to addiction and parenting;

24 (D) has developed and administered pro-
25 grams similar to the Program authorized under
26 this Act;

1 (E) has worked with the Corporation for
2 National and Community Service, the Depart-
3 ment of Health and Human Services, and the
4 Department of Justice in assessing and devel-
5 oping initiatives relating to youth drug preven-
6 tion and parental involvement; and

7 (F) has as its mission to focus on child
8 and youth drug prevention.

9 (3) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term “eligible
10 school” means a public middle school or secondary
11 school (as such term is defined in section 9101 of
12 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
13 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) that has demonstrated a
14 commitment, as determined by the Secretary, to—

15 (A) increasing parental involvement in the
16 school; and

17 (B) reducing drug, alcohol, and tobacco
18 abuse by students enrolled in the school.

19 (4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
20 TEES.—The term “appropriate Congressional com-
21 mittees” means the Committee on the Judiciary, the
22 Committee on Education and Labor, and the Appro-
23 priations Committee in the House of Representa-
24 tives, and the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-

1 mittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions,
2 and the Appropriations Committee in the Senate.

3 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to other amounts oth-
5 erwise appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act,
6 there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
7 Act \$5,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2012 through
8 2022.

9 (b) FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES.—The Admin-
10 istrator, the NPCP Nonprofit Partner, and eligible schools
11 selected to host a Parent Leader in accordance with sec-
12 tion 4 are authorized to solicit, receive, and use funding
13 from State, local, and private sources to carry out the Pro-
14 gram, including for expenses related to employing Parent
15 Leaders.

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