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H. R. 788

To help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, off-premises field trips.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey 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 “Phylicia’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Students achieve their full academic poten-
8 tial when they have the ability to learn in a safe and
9 secure environment.

10 (2) Off-campus school trips comprise an inte-
11 gral part of the educational experience for our Na-

1 tion’s students. Each year millions of students enjoy
2 these trips, which provide them with invaluable
3 learning opportunities outside the classroom.

4 (3) There exists no Federal law requiring public
5 schools to develop safety plans for off-premises,
6 overnight, school-sponsored trips.

7 **SEC. 3. SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN.**

8 (a) **REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL**
9 **AGENCIES.**—Each local educational agency that receives
10 funds under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Sec-
11 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.)
12 shall develop and make publicly available a written school
13 safety policy for off-premises, overnight field trips.

14 (b) **GUIDANCE FROM SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.**—
15 Congress encourages the Secretary of Education to pro-
16 vide guidance to local educational agencies described in
17 subsection (a) by taking the steps necessary, such as
18 hosting a conference of interested parties, to assist in de-
19 veloping a model school safety policy that meets the re-
20 quirements described in such subsection.

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