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# H. R. 8280

To direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to enhance school and community safety, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. SORESENSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 “Safe Schools and Com-  
5       munities Act of 2024”.

6       **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
8       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
9       award, on a competitive basis, grants to local educational

1 agencies to carry out the activities described in subsection  
2 (c).

3 (b) APPLICATION.—A local educational agency desir-  
4 ing a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-  
5 retary an application at such time, in such form, and con-  
6 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

7 (c) GRANT USES.—A local educational agency that  
8 receives a grant under this section shall use such grant  
9 funds to—

10 (1) provide, to school personnel who work at el-  
11 ementary schools and secondary schools served by  
12 such agency and who are in contact with students on  
13 at least a weekly basis, training on—

14 (A) human trafficking risk factors, indica-  
15 tors, and protocols;

16 (B) fentanyl and drug abuse prevention;

17 (C) strategies to prevent, intervene, and  
18 reduce participation of students in gang activ-  
19 ity; and

20 (D) local and community resources for the  
21 prevention and intervention described in sub-  
22 paragraphs (B) and (C).

23 (2) cover the costs of providing such training,  
24 including with respect to instructor and program

1 fees, training supplies, and educational materials;  
2 and

3 (3) implement—

4 (A) specialized human trafficking cur-  
5 riculum;

6 (B) fentanyl and drug abuse prevention in-  
7 struction or materials; or

8 (C) gang education and prevention pro-  
9 grams.

10 (d) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary school”,  
11 “local educational agency”, “secondary school”, and “Sec-  
12 retary” have the meanings given such terms in section  
13 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
14 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

15 (e) FUNDING.—Section 4103(a)(3) of the Elemen-  
16 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
17 7113(a)(3)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “technical assistance” and in-  
19 serting

20 “(A) technical assistance”;

21 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
22 ing “; and”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1                   “(B) awarding grants under the Safe  
2                   Schools and Communities Act of 2024.”.

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