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Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act

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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 17, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 17, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 21, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 2, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Aug 9, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 28, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 18, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 17, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4011	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill prohibits the use of federal funds for law enforcement officers in schools. It also establishes a grant program to replace law enforcement officers in schools with personnel and services that support mental health and trauma-informed services.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of federal funds to hire, maintain, or train law enforcement officers in elementary or secondary schools. Further, it prohibits the use of public safety and community policing grants for law enforcement officers in schools.

Additionally, the bill directs the Department of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to (1) replace law enforcement officers in elementary and secondary schools with personnel and services that support mental health and trauma-informed services, and (2) reform school safety and disciplinary policies to reflect evidence-based practices that do not rely on the criminal justice system.

A recipient must use grants funds to hire or train specified staff. The bill prohibits the use of grant funds for (1) establishing or enforcing zero-tolerance school discipline policies, (2) purchasing or installing surveillance equipment (e.g., metal detectors), or (3) arming teachers or other school personnel.

Actions Timeline

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