

HR 4011

Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Aug 26, 2022
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Dec 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 17, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2125	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jun 17, 2021)

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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

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** 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.