

## HR 6151

### IMPROVE Safety for Schools Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Nov 1, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce, 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. (Nov 1, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Nov 1, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Feb 20, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 1, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 1, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 1, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Incentivize Motivated Parents with Responsible Options for Vital Education Safety for Schools Act or the IMPROVE Safety for Schools Act**

This bill addresses school safety and security, with a particular focus on gun safety.

Specifically, the bill directs the U.S. Secret Service to provide guidance to local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive federal funds on preparing a notice to advise parents on purchasing and using a gun safety device. Each LEA that receives federal funds must submit this notice to each parent with a child attending a school served by the LEA.

Additionally, the bill allows certain individuals with a qualifying child or dependent a tax credit, up to \$300 in a taxable year, for the purchase of any firearm safety device.

The bill allows LEAs to use Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants for (1) providing de-escalation training to teachers, administrators, and other staff; and (2) establishing school safety specialist positions.

Next, the bill requires LEAs that have expelled a student for bringing a firearm to school to provide the student and the student's parents with confidential mental health services (if the parents do not have the financial means to provide these services).

The bill allows funds under the Community Oriented Policing Services grant program to be used to implement a standardized training program for school resource officers.

The bill also requires certain federal agencies to conduct outreach to expand the social media presence of SchoolSafety.gov (a website that provides information, resources, and guidance focused on school safety).

### **Actions Timeline**

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