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# H. R. 2100

To promote the creation of State anonymous school threat reporting programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2019

Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 to Tell Act of  
5 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make  
8 grants to States that enact a law described in section 3  
9 and otherwise conforms its laws to the requirements of  
10 section 3.

1 (b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant under this sec-  
2 tion may be used for the establishment of a program de-  
3 scribed in section 3.

4 (c) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under  
5 this section shall submit to the Attorney General an appli-  
6 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
7 information as the Attorney General may reasonably re-  
8 quire, including a copy of the law described in section 3(a).

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
10 authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for each of fis-  
11 cal years 2020 through 2024.

12 **SEC. 3. STATE LAW DESCRIBED.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—A law described in this section is  
14 a law establishing a program described in subsection (b).

15 (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A program estab-  
16 lished under subsection (a) shall—

17 (1) establish and maintain methods (including a  
18 telephone hotline, a mobile application, and a  
19 website) that provide individuals with the means to  
20 relay information anonymously concerning unsafe,  
21 potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal  
22 activities, or the threat of these activities, to appro-  
23 priate law enforcement and public safety agencies  
24 and school officials;

1           (2) establish methods and procedures to ensure  
2           that the identity of the reporting parties remains un-  
3           known to all persons and entities, including law en-  
4           forcement officers and employees operating the pro-  
5           gram;

6           (3) establish methods and procedures so that  
7           information obtained from a reporting party who  
8           voluntarily discloses his or her identity and verifies  
9           that he or she is willing to be identified may be  
10          shared with law enforcement officers, employees op-  
11          erating the program, and with school officials;

12          (4) establish methods and procedures to ensure  
13          that a reporting party's identity that becomes known  
14          through any means other than voluntary disclosure  
15          is not further disclosed;

16          (5) promptly forward information received by  
17          the program to the appropriate law enforcement or  
18          public safety agency or school officials;

19          (6) train law enforcement dispatch centers,  
20          school districts, individual schools, and other entities  
21          on appropriate awareness and response to informa-  
22          tion received under the program;

23          (7) provide awareness and education materials  
24          to participating schools and school district;

1           (8) monitor each reporting method under the  
2           program 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, includ-  
3           ing providing an answering service staffed with an  
4           individual trained in receiving reports under the pro-  
5           gram;

6           (9) provide accountability and quality assurance  
7           measures, including disposition reporting, as well as  
8           measures to prevent abuse;

9           (10) provide that, except as provided under  
10          paragraph (11), materials created or obtained  
11          through the implementation or operation of the pro-  
12          gram are confidential, and a person shall not dis-  
13          close the material; and

14          (11) provide that a person administering the  
15          program may not be compelled to produce any infor-  
16          mation received under the program or other mate-  
17          rials produced as part of the program except on the  
18          motion of a criminal defendant to the court in which  
19          the offense is being tried.

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