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H. R. 359

To establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. CUMMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish and operate a National Center for Campus
Public Safety.

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 “Center to Advance,
5 Monitor, and Preserve University Security Safety Act of
6 2013” or the “CAMPUS Safety Act of 2013”.

7 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY.**

8 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
9 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART LL—NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS**

2 **PUBLIC SAFETY**

3 **“SEC. 3021. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFE-**

4 **TY.**

5 “(a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE CEN-
6 TER.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is
8 authorized to establish and operate, within the Of-
9 fice of Community Oriented Policing Services, a Na-
10 tional Center for Campus Public Safety (referred to
11 in this section as the ‘Center’).

12 “(2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Attorney Gen-
13 eral, through the Office of Community Oriented Po-
14 licing Services, is authorized to award grants to in-
15 stitutions of higher education and other nonprofit
16 organizations to assist in carrying out the functions
17 of the Center required under subsection (b).

18 “(b) FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER.—The Center
19 shall—

20 “(1) provide quality education and training for
21 public safety personnel of institutions of higher edu-
22 cation and their collaborative partners, including
23 campus mental health agencies;

24 “(2) foster quality research to strengthen the
25 safety and security of institutions of higher edu-
26 cation;

1 “(3) serve as a clearinghouse for the identifica-
2 tion and dissemination of information, policies, pro-
3 tocols, procedures, and best practices relevant to
4 campus public safety, including off-campus housing
5 safety, the prevention of violence against persons
6 and property, and emergency response and evacu-
7 ation procedures;

8 “(4) coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland
9 Security, the Secretary of Education, State, local
10 and tribal governments and law enforcement agen-
11 cies, private and nonprofit organizations and asso-
12 ciations, and other stakeholders, to develop protocols
13 and best practices to prevent, protect against and
14 respond to dangerous and violent situations involv-
15 ing an immediate threat to the safety of the campus
16 community;

17 “(5) promote the development and dissemina-
18 tion of effective behavioral threat assessment and
19 management models to prevent campus violence;

20 “(6) identify campus safety information (includ-
21 ing ways to increase off-campus housing safety) and
22 identify resources available from the Department of
23 Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the
24 Department of Education, State, local, and tribal

1 governments and law enforcement agencies, and pri-
2 vate and nonprofit organizations and associations;

3 “(7) promote cooperation, collaboration, and
4 consistency in prevention, response, and problem-
5 solving methods among public safety and emergency
6 management personnel of institutions of higher edu-
7 cation and their campus- and non-campus-based col-
8 laborative partners, including law enforcement,
9 emergency management, mental health services, and
10 other relevant agencies;

11 “(8) disseminate standardized formats and
12 models for mutual aid agreements and memoranda
13 of understanding between campus security agencies
14 and other public safety organizations and mental
15 health agencies; and

16 “(9) report annually to Congress on activities
17 performed by the Center during the previous 12
18 months.

19 “(c) COORDINATION WITH AVAILABLE RE-
20 SOURCES.—In establishing the Center, the Attorney Gen-
21 eral shall—

22 “(1) coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland
23 Security, the Secretary of Education, and appro-
24 priate State or territory officials; and

1 “(2) ensure coordination with campus public
2 safety resources within the Department of Homeland
3 Security, including within the Federal Emergency
4 Management Agency, and the Department of Edu-
5 cation.

6 “(d) DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
7 CATION.—In this section, the term ‘institution of higher
8 education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101
9 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

10 “(e) FUNDING.—Funding for the implementation of
11 this part shall be through the use of existing excess unobli-
12 gated funds available to the Office of Community Oriented
13 Policing Services.”.

14 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

15 Nothing in this Act shall preclude public elementary
16 and secondary schools or their larger governing agencies
17 from receiving the informational and training benefits of
18 the Center.

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