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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Attorney General to authorize the youth gun violence prevention program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Prioritizing Resources
5 for Outreach, Safety, Violence Prevention, Youth Em-
6 powerment and Resilience Act of 2025” or the “PROS-
7 PER Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. YOUTH GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is author-
3 ized to award grants to eligible entities to carry out a pro-
4 gram for youth gun violence prevention.

5 (b) ACTIVITIES.—Grants awarded under subsection
6 (a) shall be used for the implementation of youth gun vio-
7 lence prevention programs that use strategies that are evi-
8 dence-informed, culturally competent, trauma-informed,
9 and linguistically and developmentally inclusive, and have
10 a demonstrated ability to engage those at highest risk for
11 involvement in gun violence and reduce their risk of violent
12 victimization or engaging in violence, including strategies
13 that—

14 (1) prioritize healing from past trauma and
15 other life experiences that increase a young person's
16 risk for involvement in gun violence;

17 (2) promote youth empowerment through the
18 development of skills and qualities such as empathy,
19 pride in identity, leadership, conflict management,
20 and communication;

21 (3) connect young people to mental health pro-
22 fessionals, counselors, mentors, community leaders,
23 crisis intervention professionals, community violence
24 interrupters, or individuals trained in trauma-in-
25 formed care and activities;

1 (4) foster meaningful community engagement,
2 belonging, and the development of safe community
3 environments;

4 (5) develop and connect young people and their
5 families with gun violence prevention resources, in-
6 cluding but not limited to firearm safety education,
7 safe storage techniques, and gun violence hotlines;
8 and

9 (6) promote resources that support the re-
10 integration and resilience of young people with past
11 exposure to gun violence or the juvenile justice sys-
12 tem.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
14 amounts otherwise appropriated for each of fiscal year
15 2026 through fiscal year 2030, for juvenile justice pro-
16 grams—

17 (1) \$100,000,000 shall be made available for
18 grants under title V of the Juvenile Justice and De-
19 linquency Prevention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. note et
20 seq.); and

21 (2) \$25,000,000 of the amount under para-
22 graph (1) shall be made available to carry out a pro-
23 gram for youth gun violence prevention.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
2 ty” includes—

3 (A) institutions of higher education;

4 (B) Indian Tribe government agencies;

5 (C) non-governmental organizations serv-
6 ing Indian Tribes;

7 (D) community-based organizations;

8 (E) a local government agency that is not
9 a law enforcement agency.

10 (2) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
11 term “community-based organization” includes a
12 nonprofit community-based organization, a consor-
13 tium of nonprofit community-based organizations, a
14 national nonprofit organization acting as an inter-
15 mediary for a community-based organization, or a
16 community-based organization that has a fiscal
17 sponsor that allows the organization to function as
18 an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the
19 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
20 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

21 (3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
22 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
23 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
24 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

1 (4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
2 term “institution of higher education” has the
3 meaning given the term in section 101 under the
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

5 (5) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The term
6 “law enforcement agency” means any agency of the
7 United States, a State or unit of local government
8 authorized by law or by a government agency to en-
9 gage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or in-
10 vestigation of any violation of criminal law.