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# H. R. 422

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Education and Labor and 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 “Youth Homicide Vio-  
5 lence Reduction and Mediation Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are to establish education,  
8 behavior modification, conflict negotiation programs with  
9 community and parental participation—

1 (1) to reduce the incidence of homicide and vio-  
2 lence of students ages 13 to 21;

3 (2) to reduce the use of guns by such age  
4 group; and

5 (3) promote anti-gun education.

6 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Bureau of  
8 Justice Assistance may make grants to local educational  
9 agencies to provide assistance to such agencies most di-  
10 rectly affected by crime and violence.

11 (b) PRIORITY.—The Director shall give priority con-  
12 sideration to local educational agencies in urban areas in  
13 which the homicide rate for youth has increased by more  
14 than five percent in comparison to the preceding year or  
15 exceeds the State or national homicide rate for youth by  
16 more than seven percent.

17 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY.**

18 To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act, a  
19 local educational agency shall give assurances that it has  
20 developed, or is in the process of developing, violence re-  
21 duction and peer counseling programs as part of the edu-  
22 cational curriculum at each school.

23 **SEC. 5. USES OF FUNDS.**

24 Grants made by the Director under this Act may be  
25 used—

1           (1) to fund training programs for teachers and  
2           counseling staff to assist students in the effective  
3           use of interpersonal and negotiation skills, with pri-  
4           ority given to minority teachers and counselors and  
5           to teachers and counselors who work with a diverse  
6           ethnic student population or in a school with re-  
7           peated violence problems;

8           (2) for counseling programs for victims and wit-  
9           nesses of crime in schools;

10          (3) to develop programs for conflict resolution  
11          and peer mediation counseling for students, teach-  
12          ers, and other personnel in regular contact with stu-  
13          dents at school; and

14          (4) to train parents and community members in  
15          effective techniques that reduce violence and pro-  
16          mote mediation.

17 **SEC. 6. APPLICATIONS.**

18          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to be eligible to receive  
19 a grant under this Act in any fiscal year, a local edu-  
20 cational agency shall submit an application to the Director  
21 in such form and containing such information as the Di-  
22 rector may reasonably require.

23          (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Each application under sub-  
24 section (a) shall include—

1           (1) a request for funds for the purposes de-  
2           scribed in section 5;

3           (2) a description of the schools and commu-  
4           nities to be served by the grant, including the nature  
5           of the crime and violence problems within such  
6           schools;

7           (3) a plan that describes how to reduce violence  
8           and minimize the number of repeat offenders;

9           (4) assurances that Federal funds received  
10          under this Act shall be used to supplement, not sup-  
11          plant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be  
12          available for activities funded under this Act; and

13          (5) statistical information in such form and  
14          containing such information that the Director may  
15          require regarding violence, violent threats, and homi-  
16          cides within the schools served by such local edu-  
17          cational agency.

18 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

19          (a) REPORT.—Local educational agencies that receive  
20          funds under this Act shall submit to the Director a report  
21          not later than July 31 of each year in which grants are  
22          made available under this Act that describes progress  
23          achieved in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

24          (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director shall sub-  
25          mit to the Congress a report by August 31 of each year

1 in which grants are made available under this Act which  
2 shall contain a detailed statement regarding grant awards,  
3 activities of grant recipients, a compilation of statistical  
4 information submitted by applicants, and an evaluation of  
5 programs established under this Act.

6 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purpose of this Act—

8 (1) the term “Director” means the Director of  
9 the Bureau of Justice Assistance;

10 (2) the term “local educational agency” has the  
11 same meaning given such term under section  
12 1471(12) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
13 cation Act of 1965; and

14 (3) the term “youth” means individuals age 13  
15 through 21.

16 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000  
18 for 1994 and 1995 and such sums as may be necessary  
19 for fiscal year 1996 to carry out this Act.

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