

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To allow States to use remaining ESSER funds to train and hire veterans and former law enforcement officers as school security officers.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2938**

A bill to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building”, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. BLACKBURN

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . TRAINING AND HIRING VETERANS AND FORMER**

3 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS SCHOOL**

4 **SECURITY OFFICERS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ESSER FUNDS.—The term “ESSER  
7 funds” means funds provided under—

8 (A) section 18003 of the CARES Act (20  
9 U.S.C. 3401 note; Public Law 116–136);

1 (B) section 313 of division M of the Con-  
2 solidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law  
3 116–260; 134 Stat. 1929); or

4 (C) section 2001 of the American Rescue  
5 Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat.  
6 19).

7 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
8 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the  
9 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

10 (b) TRAINING AND HIRING VETERANS AND FORMER  
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS SCHOOL SECURITY  
12 OFFICERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of a law  
13 relating to ESSER funds or any other law, a State or local  
14 educational agency that has received ESSER funds may,  
15 in lieu of the original requested, required, or authorized  
16 use for such funds, use a portion of, or all, of the unex-  
17 pended funds to carry out any of the following activities:

18 (1) Establish, if necessary, and implement a  
19 State certification or licensure program, or other  
20 training program required by the State, that—

21 (A) is designed to train individuals who are  
22 veterans or former law enforcement officers to  
23 serve as school security officers; and

24 (B) may include firearm or de-escalation  
25 training.

1           (2) Hire veterans or former law enforcement of-  
2           ficers who have completed the State’s program de-  
3           scribed in paragraph (1) to serve as school security  
4           officers in elementary schools and secondary schools  
5           in the State.

6           (c) NO FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.—The Secretary of  
7           Education shall not—

8           (1) prevent or discourage any State or local  
9           educational agency from using any ESSER funds  
10          for a school security activity described in subsection  
11          (b);

12          (2) impose any requirements as to the content  
13          or structure of the State certification, licensure, or  
14          other training program described in subsection  
15          (b)(1);

16          (3) require that ESSER funds used to carry  
17          out subsection (b) be used to prevent, prepare for,  
18          or respond to the coronavirus; or

19          (4) enforce any requirement related to ESSER  
20          funds if such requirement would prevent a State or  
21          local educational agency from carrying out a school  
22          security activity described in subsection (b).