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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17____. GAO STUDY ON THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON**
2 **PIPELINE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study on the school to prison
5 pipeline in order to—

6 (1) highlight this issue;

7 (2) offer proof of concept to States that evi-
8 dence-based interventions, such as restorative prac-
9 tices, are—

10 (A) more effective than punitive, exclu-
11 sionary measures;

12 (B) improve student achievement; and

13 (C) enhance public safety and student-well-
14 being; and

15 (3) determine the long-term benefits of replac-
16 ing a punitive approach to discipline with restorative
17 practices in schools, by analyzing the potential sav-

1 ings generated by helping children stay in school and
2 out of the criminal justice system.

3 (b) COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.—The study conducted
4 under subsection (a) shall include a cost-benefit analysis
5 to determine the effectiveness and impact of school re-
6 source officers and local law enforcement personnel on
7 school climate and student discipline.

8 (c) REPORT.—Upon the conclusion of the study
9 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the
10 United States shall prepare and submit to Congress a re-
11 port regarding the study and the conclusions and rec-
12 ommendations generated from the study.

