

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert
the following:

1 SEC. _____. It is the sense of Congress that:

2 (1) 1,300,000 children are directly exposed to
3 gun violence each year, resulting in death, injury,
4 and lasting trauma.

5 (2) Guns are the leading cause of death for
6 children under age 18.

7 (3) Children who are exposed to violence in
8 their communities are more likely to suffer from
9 chronic absenteeism.

10 (4) Exposure to violence perpetuates further
11 violent behavior, creating a cycle of violence that will
12 continue, absent an intervention.

13 (5) Programs facilitated in schools by coun-
14 selors, mental health providers, and community lead-
15 ers for students who have been exposed to or are at
16 high risk of involvement in community violence have
17 been shown to help students develop the social and

1 emotional resiliency and skills to break cycles of
2 generational violence and trauma.

3 (6) Project Prevent Grants help schools in com-
4 munities with pervasive violence break the cycle of
5 violence by offering students—

6 (A) access to school-based counseling serv-
7 ices or referrals to community-based counseling
8 services to address trauma or anxiety;

9 (B) social and emotional supports to help
10 address the effects of violence;

11 (C) conflict resolution and other school-
12 based strategies to prevent future violence; and

13 (D) a safer and improved school environ-
14 ment, which may include activities to decrease
15 the incidence of harassment, bullying, violence,
16 and gang involvement.

17 (7) \$601,000,000 for the School Safety Na-
18 tional Activities program within the Safe Schools
19 and Citizenship Education division of the Depart-
20 ment of Education would ensure schools have ade-
21 quate resources to improve students' safety and well-
22 being both during and after the school day.

23 (8) \$25,000,000 of such funding directed to
24 Project Prevent grants would increase the amount of
25 local education agencies who can implement evi-

1 dence-based community- and school-based strategies
2 to help prevent community violence, while also pro-
3 viding vital resources to help mitigate the impacts of
4 exposure to violence by youth.

