Counseling Not Criminalization In Schools Act


PURPOSE:
It is the purpose of this Act to—

1). Divert federal funding away from supporting the presence of police in schools and toward evidence-based services that address the needs of marginalized students and improve academic outcomes; and

2) Support local education agencies that want to terminate their contracts with local law enforcement agencies and invest public funding in personnel and services that create safe and inclusive schools for all students.

PROHIBITION OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR POLICE IN SCHOOLS:

- Prohibits the use of federal funding for hiring, maintaining, or training law enforcement to be used or employed in schools.

SUPPORTS DISTRICTS IN TRANSITIONING AWAY FROM POLICE IN SCHOOLS:

- Establishes a $2.5 billion grant program for school districts to replace law enforcement in schools with personnel and services that support mental health and trauma-informed services, as well as reform school safety and disciplinary policies with evidence-based practices.
- Districts must provide assurance that they will terminate any existing contract with local law enforcement by the time they receive grant funding and cannot establish a new contract throughout the duration of the grant.
- Grants can be used for one or more of the following:
  - Hiring or training school counselors, school psychologists, nurses, social workers, or other specialists with expertise in school climate and behavior.
  - Implementing school-wide positive behavioral interventions and supports, or other trauma-informed services.
  - Providing professional development to educators to prevent, mitigate, and provide services to students to reduce the effects of trauma and foster safe and stable learning environments.