

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6821

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Protect Our Students
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) School zone safety issues are prevalent
2 across our communities and warrant additional Fed-
3 eral funding and attention.

4 (2) Each year, approximately 100 students are
5 killed in traffic incidents walking to or from school
6 and 25,000 students are injured.

7 (3) No student should have to fear for their
8 lives when walking to or from school.

9 **SEC. 3. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.**

10 Section 402(a)(2)(vi) of title 23, United States Code,
11 is amended by inserting “and traffic incidents in school
12 zones” after “buses”.

13 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

14 The Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-
15 ulations as are necessary to clarify that highway safety
16 program uses for school zone safety improvements under
17 section 402(2)(vi) of title 23, United States Code, may
18 include—

19 (1) crossing guards;

20 (2) flashing lights and beacons;

21 (3) visible signage and markings;

22 (4) crosswalks;

23 (5) traffic calming measures, including pedes-
24 trian islands;

25 (6) traffic lights;

- 1 (7) school zones audits and assessments;
- 2 (8) automated traffic enforcement; and
- 3 (9) Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure.

4 **SEC. 5. ALLOCATION.**

5 Section 402(b)(1)(C) of title 23, United States Code,
6 is amended by striking “40 percent” and inserting “50
7 percent”.

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