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To reduce exclusionary discipline practices in schools, and for other purposes.

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| Ms. | Pressley | introduced | the | following | bill; | which | was | referred | to | the |
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## A BILL

To reduce exclusionary discipline practices in schools, and for other purposes.

- 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 "Ending Punitive, Un-
- 5 fair, School-based Harm that is Overt and Unresponsive
- 6 to Trauma Act of 2021" or the "Ending PUSHOUT Act
- 7 of 2021".
- 8 SEC. 2. PURPOSE.
- 9 It is the purpose of this Act to—

| 1  | (1) strengthen data collection related to exclu-           |
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| 2  | sionary discipline practices in schools and the dis-       |
| 3  | criminatory application of such practices, which dis-      |
| 4  | proportionately impacts students of color, particu-        |
| 5  | larly girls of color;                                      |
| 6  | (2) eliminate the discriminatory use and over-             |
| 7  | use of exclusionary discipline practices based on ac-      |
| 8  | tual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, national ori-    |
| 9  | gin, sex (including sexual orientation, gender iden-       |
| 10 | tity, pregnancy, childbirth, a medical condition re-       |
| 11 | lated to pregnancy or childbirth, or other stereotype      |
| 12 | related to sex), or disability; and                        |
| 13 | (3) prevent the criminalization and pushout of             |
| 14 | students from school, especially Black and brown           |
| 15 | girls, as a result of educational barriers that include    |
| 16 | discrimination, adultification, punitive discipline poli-  |
| 17 | cies and practices, and a failure to recognize and         |
| 18 | support students with mental health needs or experi-       |
| 19 | encing trauma.   |
| 20 | SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION         |
| 21 | WITH RESPECT TO EXCLUSIONARY DIS-                          |
| 22 | CIPLINE IN SCHOOLS.  |
| 23 | (a) In General.—The Assistant Secretary for Civil          |
| 24 | Rights shall annually carry out data collection authorized |
| 25 | under section 203(c)(1) of the Department of Education     |

| 1  | Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3413(c)(1)), which shall in-     |
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| 2  | clude data with respect to students enrolled in a public     |
| 3  | preschool, elementary, or secondary school (including tra-   |
| 4  | ditional public, charter, virtual, special education school, |
| 5  | and alternative schools) who received the following dis-     |
| 6  | ciplinary actions during the preceding school year:          |
| 7  | (1) Suspension (including the classification of              |
| 8  | the suspension as in-school suspension or out-of-            |
| 9  | school suspension), which shall include data with re-        |
| 10 | spect to—  |
| 11 | (A) the number of students who were sus-                     |
| 12 | pended;  |
| 13 | (B) the number and length of suspensions                     |
| 14 | each such student received;                                  |
| 15 | (C) the reason for each such suspension,                     |
| 16 | including—   |
| 17 | (i) a violation of a zero-tolerance pol-                     |
| 18 | icy and whether such violation was due to                    |
| 19 | a violent or nonviolent offense;                             |
| 20 | (ii) a violation of an appearance or                         |
| 21 | grooming policy;   |
| 22 | (iii) an act of insubordination;                             |
| 23 | (iv) willful defiance; and                                   |
| 24 | (v) a violation of a school code of con-                     |
| 25 | duct; and  |

| 1  | (D) the number of days of lost instruction             |
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| 2  | due to each out-of-school suspension.                  |
| 3  | (2) Expulsion, which shall include data with re-       |
| 4  | spect to—  |
| 5  | (A) the number of students who were ex-                |
| 6  | pelled; and  |
| 7  | (B) the reason for each such expulsion, in-            |
| 8  | cluding—   |
| 9  | (i) a violation of a zero-tolerance pol-               |
| 10 | icy and whether such violation was due to              |
| 11 | a violent or nonviolent offense;                       |
| 12 | (ii) a violation of an appearance or                   |
| 13 | grooming policy;                                       |
| 14 | (iii) an act of insubordination, willful               |
| 15 | defiance, or violation of a school code of             |
| 16 | conduct; and   |
| 17 | (iv) the use of profane or vulgar lan-                 |
| 18 | guage.   |
| 19 | (3) The number of students subject to an out-          |
| 20 | of-school transfer to a different school, including a  |
| 21 | virtual school, and if so, the primary reason for each |
| 22 | such transfer.   |
| 23 | (4) The number of students subject to a refer-         |
| 24 | ral to law enforcement, including the primary reason   |

| 1  | for each such referral, and whether such referral re- |
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| 2  | sulted in an arrest.                                  |
| 3  | (b) Report.—  |
| 4  | (1) In general.—Not later than one year               |
| 5  | after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  |
| 6  | nually thereafter, the Assistant Secretary for Civil  |
| 7  | Rights shall submit to Congress a report on the data  |
| 8  | collected under subsection (a).                       |
| 9  | (2) Requirements.—The report required                 |
| 10 | under paragraph (1) shall—                            |
| 11 | (A) identify, with respect to the data col-           |
| 12 | lected under subsection (a), schools, local edu-      |
| 13 | cational agencies, and States that demonstrate,       |
| 14 | in the opinion of the Secretary, the overuse and      |
| 15 | discriminatory use of exclusionary disciplinary       |
| 16 | practices;  |
| 17 | (B) be disaggregated and cross tabulated              |
| 18 | by—   |
| 19 | (i) enrollment in a preschool or in an                |
| 20 | elementary school and secondary school by             |
| 21 | grade level;  |
| 22 | (ii) race;  |
| 23 | (iii) ethnicity;                                      |

| 1  | (iv) sex (including, to the extent pos-            |
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| 2  | sible, sexual orientation and gender iden-         |
| 3  | tity);   |
| 4  | (v) low-income status;                             |
| 5  | (vi) disability status (including stu-             |
| 6  | dents eligible for disability under the Indi-      |
| 7  | viduals with Disabilities Education Act (20        |
| 8  | U.S.C. 1401 et. seq.) or section 504 of the        |
| 9  | Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.              |
| 10 | 794));   |
| 11 | (vii) English learner status;                      |
| 12 | (viii) Tribal citizenship or descent, in           |
| 13 | the first or second degree, of an Indian           |
| 14 | Tribe; and   |
| 15 | (ix) if applicable, pregnant and par-              |
| 16 | enting student status;                             |
| 17 | (C) be publicly accessible in multiple lan-        |
| 18 | guages, accessibility formats, and provided in a   |
| 19 | language that parents, family, and community       |
| 20 | members can understand; and                        |
| 21 | (D) be presented in a manner that protects         |
| 22 | the privacy of individuals consistent with the re- |
| 23 | quirements of section 444 of the General Edu-      |
| 24 | cation Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), com-      |

| 1  | monly known as the "Family Educational                         |
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| 2  | Rights and Privacy Act of 1974".                               |
| 3  | SEC. 4. GRANTS TO REDUCE EXCLUSIONARY SCHOOL DIS-              |
| 4  | CIPLINE PRACTICES.   |
| 5  | (a) In General.—The Secretary shall award grants               |
| 6  | (which shall be known as the "Healing School Climate           |
| 7  | Grants"), on a competitive basis, to eligible entities for     |
| 8  | the purpose of reducing the overuse and discriminatory         |
| 9  | use of exclusionary discipline practices in schools.           |
| 10 | (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking a grant            |
| 11 | under this section shall submit an application to the Sec-     |
| 12 | retary at such time, in such manner, and containing such       |
| 13 | information as the Secretary may require, including an as-     |
| 14 | surance that the eligible entity shall prioritize schools with |
| 15 | the highest rates of suspensions and expulsions. The Sec-      |
| 16 | retary shall make applications publicly accessible in an ap-   |
| 17 | propriate digital format.                                      |
| 18 | (c) Program Requirement.—An eligible entity                    |
| 19 | that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall prohibit      |
| 20 | the use of—  |
| 21 | (1) out-of-school suspension or expulsion for                  |
| 22 | any student in preschool through grade 5 for inci-             |
| 23 | dents that do not involve serious bodily injury;               |
| 24 | (2) out-of-school suspension or expulsion for                  |
| 25 | any student in preschool through grade 12 for insub-           |

| 1  | ordination, willful defiance, vulgarity, truancy, tardi- |
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| 2  | ness, chronic absenteeism, or as a result of a viola-    |
| 3  | tion of a grooming or appearance policy;                 |
| 4  | (3) corporal punishment;                                 |
| 5  | (4) seclusion;   |
| 6  | (5) a mechanical or chemical restraint on a stu-         |
| 7  | dent; or   |
| 8  | (6) a physical restraint on a student, except            |
| 9  | when—  |
| 10 | (A) the behavior of a student poses a high               |
| 11 | risk of serious bodily injury to the student or          |
| 12 | another individual and less restrictive interven-        |
| 13 | tions would be ineffective in addressing such a          |
| 14 | high risk;   |
| 15 | (B) a limited amount of force is used to                 |
| 16 | protect the student or another individual from           |
| 17 | an injury and such ends immediately upon the             |
| 18 | cessation of the imminent danger of serious              |
| 19 | bodily injury to the student or another indi-            |
| 20 | vidual; and  |
| 21 | (C) the physical restraint does not restrict             |
| 22 | breathing or the flow of blood to the brain, in-         |
| 23 | cluding restraining in the prone or supine posi-         |
| 24 | tion;  |

| 1  | (D) the physical restraint does not inter-      |
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| 2  | fere with the ability of a student to commu-    |
| 3  | nicate in the language or other mode of commu-  |
| 4  | nication primarily used by such student;        |
| 5  | (E) the physical restraint is imposed—          |
| 6  | (i) by personnel who are trained and            |
| 7  | certified by a State in crisis intervention;    |
| 8  | or  |
| 9  | (ii) when personnel described in clause         |
| 10 | (i) are not available, in the case of a rare    |
| 11 | and unforeseeable emergency; or                 |
| 12 | (F) the physical restraint does not affect      |
| 13 | or interfere with, with respect to a student, a |
| 14 | disability, health care needs, or a medical or  |
| 15 | psychiatric condition documented in a—          |
| 16 | (i) health care directive or medical            |
| 17 | management plan;                                |
| 18 | (ii) a behavior intervention plan;              |
| 19 | (iii) an individualized education pro-          |
| 20 | gram or an individualized family service        |
| 21 | plan (as defined in section 602 of the Indi-    |
| 22 | viduals with Disabilities Education Act (20     |
| 23 | U.S.C. 1401)); or                               |

| 1  | (iv) another relevant record made                   |
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| 2  | available to the State or eligible entity in-       |
| 3  | volved.   |
| 4  | (d) Use of Funds.—                                  |
| 5  | (1) REQUIRED USES.—An eligible entity that          |
| 6  | receives a grant under this section shall use funds |
| 7  | to—   |
| 8  | (A) evaluate the current discipline policies        |
| 9  | of a school and, in partnership with students       |
| 10 | (including girls of color), the family members of   |
| 11 | students, and the local community of such           |
| 12 | school, develop discipline policies for such school |
| 13 | to ensure that such policies are not exclusionary   |
| 14 | or discriminately applied toward students;          |
| 15 | (B) provide training and professional de-           |
| 16 | velopment for teachers, principals, school lead-    |
| 17 | ers, and other school personnel to avoid or ad-     |
| 18 | dress the overuse and discriminatory dispropor-     |
| 19 | tionate use of exclusionary discipline practices    |
| 20 | in schools and to create awareness of implicit      |
| 21 | and explicit bias and use culturally affirming      |
| 22 | practices, including training in—                   |
| 23 | (i) identifying and providing support               |
| 24 | to students who may have experienced or             |

| 1  | are at risk of experiencing trauma or have  |
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| 2  | other mental health needs;                  |
| 3  | (ii) administering and responding to        |
| 4  | assessments on adverse childhood experi-    |
| 5  | ences;                                      |
| 6  | (iii) providing student-centered, trau-     |
| 7  | ma-informed positive behavior management    |
| 8  | intervention and support that creates safe  |
| 9  | and supportive school climates;             |
| 10 | (iv) using restorative practices;           |
| 11 | (v) using culturally and linguistically     |
| 12 | responsive intervention strategies;         |
| 13 | (vi) developing social and emotional        |
| 14 | learning competencies; and                  |
| 15 | (vii) increasing student engagement         |
| 16 | and improving dialogue between students     |
| 17 | and teachers;                               |
| 18 | (C) implement evidence-based alternatives   |
| 19 | to suspension or expulsion, including—      |
| 20 | (i) multi-tier systems of support, such     |
| 21 | as schoolwide positive behavioral interven- |
| 22 | tions and supports;                         |
| 23 | (ii) social, emotional, and academic        |
| 24 | learning strategies designed to engage stu- |
| 25 | dents and avoid escalating conflicts; and   |

| 1  | (iii) other data-driven approaches to          |
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| 2  | improving school environments;                 |
| 3  | (D) improve behavioral and academic out-       |
| 4  | comes for students by creating a safe and sup- |
| 5  | portive learning environment and school cli-   |
| 6  | mate, which may include—                       |
| 7  | (i) restorative practices with respect         |
| 8  | to improving relationships among students,     |
| 9  | school officials, and members of the local     |
| 10 | community, which may include partnering        |
| 11 | with local mental health agencies or non-      |
| 12 | profit organizations;                          |
| 13 | (ii) access to mentors and peer-based          |
| 14 | support programs;                              |
| 15 | (iii) extracurricular programs, includ-        |
| 16 | ing sports and art programs;                   |
| 17 | (iv) social and emotional learning             |
| 18 | strategies designed to engage students and     |
| 19 | avoid escalating conflicts;                    |
| 20 | (v) access to counseling, mental health        |
| 21 | programs, and trauma-informed care pro-        |
| 22 | grams, including suicide prevention pro-       |
| 23 | grams; and                                     |
| 24 | (vi) access to culturally responsive           |
| 25 | curricula that affirms the history and con-    |

| 1  | tributions of traditionally marginalized        |
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| 2  | people and communities;                         |
| 3  | (E) hire social workers, school counselors,     |
| 4  | trauma-informed care personnel, and other       |
| 5  | mental health personnel; and                    |
| 6  | (F) support the development, delivery, and      |
| 7  | analysis of school climate surveys.             |
| 8  | (2) Prohibited uses.—An eligible entity that    |
| 9  | receives a grant under this section may not use |
| 10 | funds to—                                       |
| 11 | (A) hire or retain school-based law enforce-    |
| 12 | ment personnel, including school resource offi- |
| 13 | $\operatorname{cers};$                          |
| 14 | (B) purchase, maintain, or install surveil-     |
| 15 | lance equipment, including metal detectors or   |
| 16 | software programs that monitor or mine the so-  |
| 17 | cial media use or technology use of students;   |
| 18 | (C) arm teachers, principals, school lead-      |
| 19 | ers, or other school personnel; and             |
| 20 | (D) enter into formal or informal partner-      |
| 21 | ships or data and information sharing agree-    |
| 22 | ments with—                                     |
| 23 | (i) the Secretary of Homeland Secu-             |
| 24 | rity, including agreements with U.S. Immi-      |

| 1  | gration and Customs Enforcement or U.S.                        |
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| 2  | Customs and Border Protection; or                              |
| 3  | (ii) local law enforcement agencies, in-                       |
| 4  | cluding partnerships that allow for hiring                     |
| 5  | of school-based law enforcement.                               |
| 6  | (e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, in car-               |
| 7  | rying out subsection (a), may reserve not more than 2 per-     |
| 8  | cent of funds to provide technical assistance to eligible en-  |
| 9  | tities, which may include—                                     |
| 10 | (1) support for data collection, compliance, and               |
| 11 | analysis of the activities of the program authorized           |
| 12 | under subsection (a); and                                      |
| 13 | (2) informational meetings and seminars with                   |
| 14 | respect to the application process under subsection            |
| 15 | (b).   |
| 16 | (f) REPORT BY GRANTEES.—Not later than one year                |
| 17 | after the date of enactment of this section, an eligible enti- |
| 18 | ty receiving a grant under this section shall submit to the    |
| 19 | Secretary a report on the activities funded through the        |
| 20 | grant. The Secretary shall make each such report publicly      |
| 21 | accessible in an appropriate digital format. Such report       |
| 22 | shall include, at a minimum, a description of—                 |
| 23 | (1) the evaluation methods of disciplinary prac-               |
| 24 | tices prior to the grant;                                      |

| 1  | (2) training and professional development serv-         |
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| 2  | ices provided for school personnel to address dis-      |
| 3  | criminatory discipline practices, implicit and explicit |
| 4  | bias, and other uses described in subsection $(d)(1)$ ; |
| 5  | (3) aggregated and de-identified behavioral, so-        |
| 6  | cial emotional, and academic outcomes experience by     |
| 7  | students;   |
| 8  | (4) any instance of physical restraint used on a        |
| 9  | student with an explanation of a circumstance de-       |
| 10 | scribed in subsection $(c)(6)$ ;                        |
| 11 | (5) the number of students who were referred            |
| 12 | to some form of alternative practice described in       |
| 13 | subsection $(d)(1)(C)$ ;                                |
| 14 | (6) disaggregated data on students suspended,           |
| 15 | expelled, and referred to the juvenile or criminal      |
| 16 | legal system, cross tabulated by—                       |
| 17 | (A) reason for disciplinary action;                     |
| 18 | (B) grade level;  |
| 19 | (C) race;   |
| 20 | (D) ethnicity;  |
| 21 | (E) sex (including to the extent possible,              |
| 22 | sexual orientation and gender identity);                |
| 23 | (F) low-income status;                                  |
| 24 | (G) disability status;                                  |
| 25 | (H) English learner status;                             |

| 1  | (I) Tribal citizenship or descent, in the               |
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| 2  | first or second degree, of an Indian Tribe; and         |
| 3  | (J) if applicable, pregnant and parenting               |
| 4  | student status; and                                     |
| 5  | (7) any other information required by the Sec-          |
| 6  | retary.   |
| 7  | (g) Eligible Entities.—In this section, the term        |
| 8  | "eligible entity" means—                                |
| 9  | (1) one or more local educational agencies (who         |
| 10 | may be partnered with a State educational agency),      |
| 11 | including a public charter school that is a local edu-  |
| 12 | cational agency under State law or local educational    |
| 13 | agency operated by the Bureau of Indian Education;      |
| 14 | or  |
| 15 | (2) a nonprofit organization (defined as an or-         |
| 16 | ganization described in section 501(c)(3) of the In-    |
| 17 | ternal Revenue Code, which is exempt from taxation      |
| 18 | under section 501(a) of such Code) with a track         |
| 19 | record of success in improving school climates and      |
| 20 | supporting students.                                    |
| 21 | SEC. 5. JOINT TASK FORCE TO END SCHOOL PUSHOUT OF       |
| 22 | GIRLS OF COLOR.   |
| 23 | (a) Establishment.—The Secretary and the Sec-           |
| 24 | retary of Health and Human Services shall establish and |

| 1  | operate a joint task force to end school pushout (in this |
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| 2  | section referred to as the "Joint Task Force").           |
| 3  | (b) Composition.—   |
| 4  | (1) Chairs.—The Secretary and the Secretary               |
| 5  | of Health and Human Services shall chair the Joint        |
| 6  | Task Force.   |
| 7  | (2) Members.—The Joint Task Force shall be                |
| 8  | composed of—  |
| 9  | (A) Native American girls;                                |
| 10 | (B) students, including Black and brown                   |
| 11 | $\operatorname{girls};$                                   |
| 12 | (C) teachers;   |
| 13 | (D) parents with children in school;                      |
| 14 | (E) school officials;                                     |
| 15 | (F) representatives from civil rights and                 |
| 16 | disability organizations;                                 |
| 17 | (G) psychologists, social workers, trauma-                |
| 18 | informed personnel, and other mental health               |
| 19 | professionals; and  |
| 20 | (H) researchers with experience in behav-                 |
| 21 | ioral intervention.                                       |
| 22 | (3) Advisory members.—In addition to the                  |
| 23 | members under paragraph (2), the Assistant Attor-         |
| 24 | ney General of the Civil Rights Division of the De-       |
| 25 | partment of Justice and the Director of the Bureau        |

| 1  | of Indian Education shall be advisory members of     |
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| 2  | the Joint Task Force.                                |
| 3  | (4) Member appointment.—Not later than               |
| 4  | 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, |
| 5  | the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and        |
| 6  | Human Services shall appoint the members of the      |
| 7  | Joint Task Force—                                    |
| 8  | (A) in accordance with paragraph (2);                |
| 9  | (B) using a competitive application proc-            |
| 10 | ess; and   |
| 11 | (C) with consideration to the racial, ethnic,        |
| 12 | gender, and geographic diversity of the Joint        |
| 13 | Task Force.  |
| 14 | (e) Study and Recommendations.—The Joint             |
| 15 | Task Force shall—                                    |
| 16 | (1) conduct a study to—                              |
| 17 | (A) identify best practices for reducing the         |
| 18 | overuse and discriminatory use of exclusionary       |
| 19 | discipline practices; and                            |
| 20 | (B) determine to what extent exclusionary            |
| 21 | discipline practices contribute to the criminal-     |
| 22 | ization of—  |
| 23 | (i) girls of color;                                  |
| 24 | (ii) English learners;                               |
| 25 | (iii) Native American girls;                         |

| 1  | (iv) students who identify as lesbian,                    |
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| 2  | gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or ques-               |
| 3  | tioning; and  |
| 4  | (v) students with disabilities; and                       |
| 5  | (2) develop recommendations based on the                  |
| 6  | study conducted under paragraph (1).                      |
| 7  | (d) Report.—Not later than 360 days after the date        |
| 8  | of the enactment of this Act, and biannually thereafter,  |
| 9  | the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human       |
| 10 | Services shall submit to Congress a report on the rec-    |
| 11 | ommendations under subsection (c)(2).                     |
| 12 | SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.                   |
| 13 | (a) In General.—There is authorized to be appro-          |
| 14 | priated \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022       |
| 15 | through 2026 to carry out sections 4 and 5.               |
| 16 | (b) Additional Funding to the Office for                  |
| 17 | CIVIL RIGHTS.—There is authorized to be appropriated      |
| 18 | \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 through 2026, and each |
| 19 | fiscal year thereafter, to carry out section 3.           |
| 20 | SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.                                      |
| 21 | In this Act:  |
| 22 | (1) ACT OF INSUBORDINATION.—The term "act                 |
| 23 | of insubordination" means an act that disrupts a          |
| 24 | school activity or instance when a student willfully      |
| 25 | defies the valid authority of a school official.          |

| 1  | (2) APPEARANCE OR GROOMING POLICY.—The                 |
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| 2  | term "appearance or grooming policy" means any         |
| 3  | practice, policy, or portion of a student conduct code |
| 4  | that governs or restricts the appearance of students,  |
| 5  | including policies that—                               |
| 6  | (A) restrict or prescribe clothing that a              |
| 7  | student may wear (such as hijabs, headwraps,           |
| 8  | or bandanas);  |
| 9  | (B) restrict specific hair styles (such as             |
| 10 | braids, locks, twists, bantu knots, cornrows, ex-      |
| 11 | tensions, or afros); or                                |
| 12 | (C) restrict whether or how a student may              |
| 13 | apply make-up, nail polish, or other cosmetics.        |
| 14 | (3) CHEMICAL RESTRAINT.—The term "chem-                |
| 15 | ical restraint" means a drug or medication used on     |
| 16 | a student to control behavior or restrict freedom of   |
| 17 | movement that is not—                                  |
| 18 | (A) prescribed by a licensed physician, or             |
| 19 | other qualified health professional acting under       |
| 20 | the scope of the professional's authority under        |
| 21 | State law, for the standard treatment of a stu-        |
| 22 | dent's medical or psychiatric condition; and           |
| 23 | (B) administered as prescribed by a li-                |
| 24 | censed physician or other qualified health pro-        |

| 1  | fessional acting under the scope of the author-       |
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| 2  | ity of a health professional under State law.         |
| 3  | (4) Direct supervision.—The term "direct              |
| 4  | supervision" means a student is physically in the     |
| 5  | same location as a school official and such student   |
| 6  | is under the care of the school official or school.   |
| 7  | (5) DISABILITY.—The term "disability" means           |
| 8  | a mental or physical disability that meets the condi- |
| 9  | tions set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of section    |
| 10 | 602(3)(A) of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-   |
| 11 | cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1401(3)(A)(i) and (ii)).        |
| 12 | (6) Elementary and secondary education                |
| 13 | ACT TERMS.—The terms "elementary school",             |
| 14 | "English learner", "local educational agency", "sec-  |
| 15 | ondary school", and "State educational agency" has    |
| 16 | the meanings given such terms in section 8101 of      |
| 17 | the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of         |
| 18 | 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).                                |
| 19 | (7) GENDER IDENTITY.—The term "gender                 |
| 20 | identity" means the gender-related identity, appear-  |
| 21 | ance, mannerisms, or other gender-related character-  |
| 22 | istics of an individual regardless of the designated  |
| 23 | sex at birth of the individual.                       |
| 24 | (8) Indian Tribe.—The term "Indian Tribe"             |
| 25 | has the meaning given the term in section 4(e) of     |

1 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-2 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(e)). 3 (9) IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION.—The term "inschool suspension" means an instance in which a 4 5 student is temporarily removed from a regular class-6 room for at least half a day but remains under the 7 direct supervision of a school official. 8 (10)MECHANICAL RESTRAINT.—The term 9 "mechanical restraint" has the meaning given the term in section 595(d)(1) of the Public Health Serv-10 11 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 290jj(d)(1)), except that the 12 meaning shall be applied by substituting "student" for "resident". 13 14 (11) Multi-tier system of supports.—The 15 term "multi-tier system of supports" means a comprehensive continuum of evidence-based, systemic 16 17 practices to support a rapid response to the needs of 18 students, with regular observation to facilitate data-19 based instructional decision making. 20 (12) Out-of-school suspension.—The term "out-of-school suspension" means an instance in 21 22 which a student is excluded from school for discipli-23 nary reasons by temporarily being removed from 24 regular classes to another setting, including a home

or behavior center, regardless of whether such dis-

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1 ciplinary removal is deemed as a suspension by 2 school officials. 3 (13) Physical escort.—The term "physical escort" has the meaning given the term in section 4 5 595(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42) 6 U.S.C. 290jj(d)(2)), except that the meaning shall be applied by substituting "student" for "resident". 7 8 (14) Physical restraint.—The term "phys-9 ical restraint" means a personal restriction that im-10 mobilizes or reduces the ability of an individual to 11 move the individual's arms, legs, torso, or head free-12 ly, except that such term does not include a physical 13 escort, mechanical restraint, or chemical restraint. 14 (15) Positive behavior intervention and 15 SUPPORT.—The term "positive behavior intervention and support" means using a systematic and evi-16 17 dence-based approach to achieve improved academic 18 and social outcomes for students. 19 (16) Pushout.—The term "pushout" means 20 an instance when a student leaves elementary, mid-21 dle or secondary school, including a forced transfer 22 to another school, prior to graduating secondary 23 school due to overuse of exclusionary discipline prac-24 tices, failure to address trauma or other mental

health needs, discrimination, or other educational

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| 1  | barriers that do not support or promote the success |
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| 2  | of a student.                                       |
| 3  | (17) School-based law enforcement offi-             |
| 4  | CER.—The term "school-based law enforcement offi-   |
| 5  | cer' means an individual who—                       |
| 6  | (A) is—   |
| 7  | (i) assigned by a law enforcement                   |
| 8  | agency to a secondary or elementary school          |
| 9  | or local educational agency;                        |
| 10 | (ii) contracting with a secondary or el-            |
| 11 | ementary school or local educational agen-          |
| 12 | cy; or  |
| 13 | (iii) employed by a secondary or ele-               |
| 14 | mentary school or local educational agency;         |
| 15 | (B) has the power to detain, arrest, issue          |
| 16 | a citation, perform a custodial investigation, or   |
| 17 | refer a person to a criminal or juvenile court;     |
| 18 | (C) meets the definition of a law enforce-          |
| 19 | ment personnel under State law; or                  |
| 20 | (D) may be referred to as a "school re-             |
| 21 | source officer", a "sworn law enforcement offi-     |
| 22 | cer", or a "school police officer".                 |
| 23 | (18) SCHOOL OFFICIAL.—The term "school of-          |
| 24 | ficial" means a teacher, school principal, adminis- |
| 25 | trator, or other personnel, not considered school-  |

1 based law enforcement, engaged in the performance 2 of duties with respect to a school. 3 (19) Seclusion.—The term "seclusion" means 4 the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a 5 room or area where the student is physically pre-6 vented from leaving, and does not include a time 7 out. 8 (20)SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" 9 means the Secretary of Education. 10 (21) Serious Bodily injury.—The term "se-11 rious bodily injury" has the meaning given that term 12 in section 1365(h)(3) of title 18, United States Code. 13 14 (22) SEXUAL ORIENTATION.—The term "sexual 15 orientation" means homosexuality, heterosexuality, 16 or bisexuality. 17 (23) Special education school.—The term 18 "special education school" means a school that fo-19 cuses primarily on serving the needs of students who 20 qualify as "a child with a disability" as that term 21 is defined under section 602(3)(A)(i) of the Individ-22 uals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 23 1401(3)(A)(i)) or are subject to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794). 24

| 1  | (24) Time out.—The term "time out" has the            |
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| 2  | meaning given the term in section 595(d)(5) of the    |
| 3  | Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290jj(d)(5)),    |
| 4  | except that the meaning shall be applied by sub-      |
| 5  | stituting "student" for "resident".                   |
| 6  | (25) Zero-tolerance policy.—The term                  |
| 7  | "zero-tolerance policy" is a school discipline policy |
| 8  | that results in an automatic disciplinary con-        |
| 9  | sequence, including out-of-school suspension, expul-  |
| 10 | sion, and involuntary school transfer.                |