

SB-13

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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Lewis of Oklahoma introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "A Bill that seeks to create a program through the Department of Veterans Affairs to assess and train combat veterans to be used as defenders of our publicly funded schools."

SECTION 2. This bill seeks to acquire funding for all its parts through new taxes as well as establish the infrastructure to support the creation of all the parts necessary to create a program to assess and train combat veterans so that they may be entered into a database from which they can be chosen by public schools to act as security officers.

FUNDING

SECTION 3. To acquire the funding necessary to implement this program and all its parts it proposes two new taxes to be used only to fund this program and the VA.

A: The first tax would be a ten dollar flat tax to be added on top of the price of any firearm.

B: The other tax would be a 2% tax to be added on top of the price of any firearm kit, attachment, ammunition, cleaning material, or any other product

for use, building, service, upkeep, or upgrade of a firearm.

The money acquired from these taxes will only go to the Department of Veterans affairs to fund this program to function at the greatest capacity.

TRAINING

SECTION 4. For a Veteran to qualify for this program they must meet specific requirements and training courses to be set by the Federal department of veterans affairs including firearms handling, firearms safety, deescalation tactics, conflict resolution, emergency response, and the passage of psychological evaluations. All training and certifications must be maintained to serve as a defender.

Access to the facilities required to receive these services must be widely available to veterans in every part of the country.

SECTION 5. After these Veterans have received the training and assessment necessary the veterans would be licensed as a defender and would be entered into a public database.

Once they are entered into this database they shall receive a paycheck of a 10% increase to their current benefits from the VA funds. Once the veteran starts acting as an active defense officer they shall receive an hourly pay rate that is equal to their active duty pay in a noncombat zone that is disbursed through the VA in accordance with their pay schedule.

IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 5. These Defense Officers are not and cannot be officers of the law and shall serve a completely separate purpose from law enforcement only. These officers will be in charge of all security drills as well as coordinating emergency response and pre-planning with their local first responding agencies. Within the school they would be required to do security checks and be at specific posts at vulnerable times.

SECTION 6. These defenders should have the certifications to handle both a handgun and an assault firearm both of which should be provided ready for use by the VA. The VA should also provide all necessary resources to keep these weapons secure and functional. The security and maintenance resources for the weapons shall be decided by the Defenders themselves receiving quarterly weapons checks from the Department of Defense.

SECTION 7. The funding here would be left to the VA to distribute as it sees fit so long as the infrastructure is set up to be as widely and easily accessible as possible across the entire nation.

SEVERABILITY

SECTION 8. This bill and all of its programs seek to be enacted by the government of the United States of America as a governing treatise.

This bill and all of its parts are severable so that if any one part were to be ruled unconstitutional all the remaining parts shall still stand.

EFFECTIVE BY

SECTION 9.The taxes proposed by this bill shall come into effect June 1st 2023 and the programs proposed here should be widely accessible by June 1st 2025.