



ABOUT THE

COUNSELING NOT CRIMINALIZATION IN SCHOOLS ACT

The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act, introduced by Sen. Murphy and Rep. Pressley, along with Sen. Warren, Rep. Bowman, and Rep. Omar, aims to:

- End federal funding for police in schools
- Instead invest in positive supports that help young people grow and thrive in schools, including counselors, nurses, and restorative justice coaches.

Federal policymakers have the opportunity to appropriately respond to the needs and concerns of Black, Indigenous, and Latine students, students with disabilities, LGBTQ+ students, and other historically marginalized students – especially those at the intersections of these identities – and divert federal funding away from police in schools and toward evidence-based practices and trauma-informed personnel that create positive learning environments.



Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.

- Martin Luther King Jr.
Letter from
Birmingham Jail, 1963



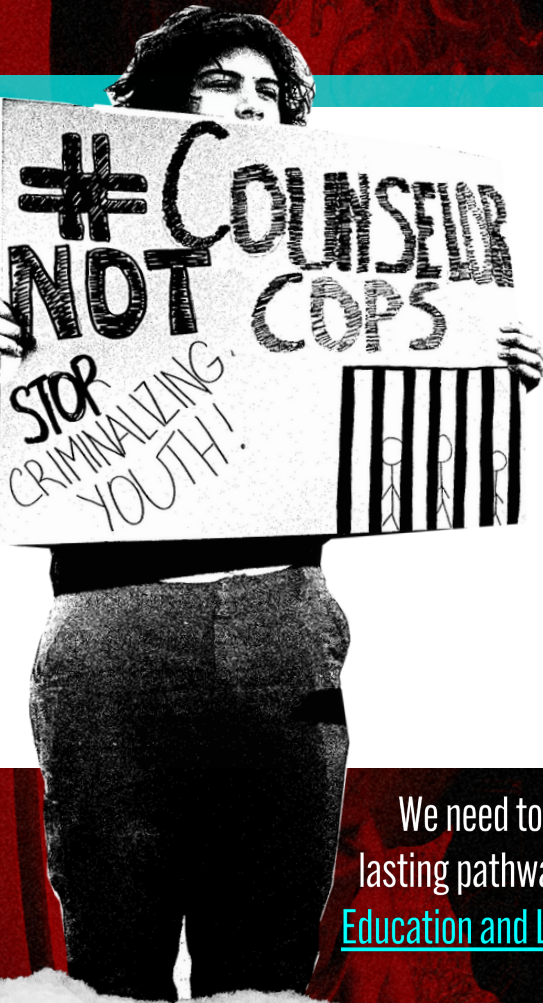
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THE BILL WOULD HELP REDUCE THE POLICING AND CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR NATION'S STUDENTS BY:

- Prohibiting federal funds from supporting the hiring, recruitment, and placement of law enforcement on K-12 school campuses.
- Establishing a \$5 billion grant program to invest in school districts seeking to replace law enforcement officers with adequately trained personnel — like counselors, social workers, nurses, credible messengers, mental health practitioners, and trauma-informed personnel — which has been proven to create safer and more inclusive learning environments in schools.



I WANT TO SEE MY SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOLS IN MY CITY RECONSIDERING THEIR SECURITY MEASURES AND INVEST IN ANOTHER TYPES OF SECURITY FOR THEIR STUDENTS WHICH IS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AND SUCCESS, WHAT ACTUALLY MATTERS; WHEN WE GET HURT WE NEED MORE NURSES, WHEN WE GET HURT EMOTIONALLY OR HAVE PROBLEMS AT HOME/FRIENDS, WE NEED PSYCHOLOGISTS, WHEN WE WANT TO IMPROVE OUR ACADEMIC CHANCES TO GET INTO A GOOD COLLEGE, WE NEED COUNSELORS.

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