



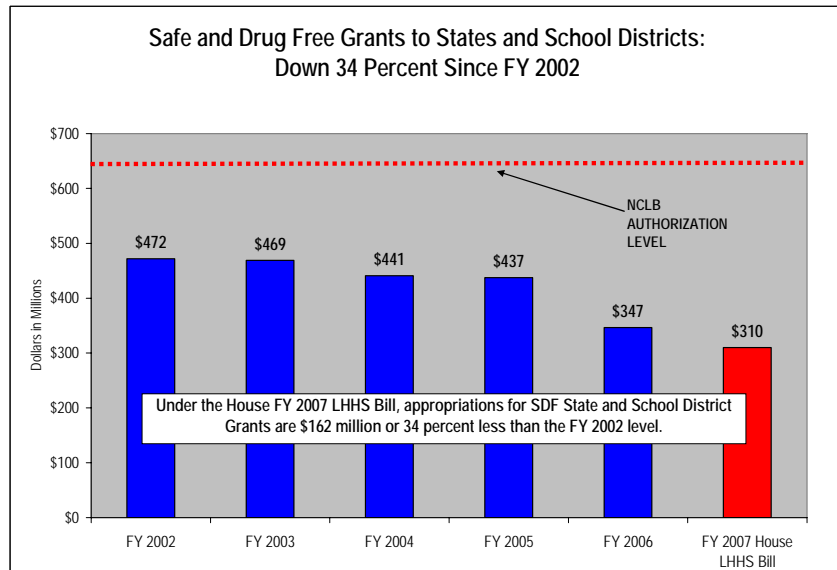
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A Failure of Leadership: Republicans Cut School Safety Funding by 34 Percent

President Bush has asked Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings to determine how the federal government can help communities improve school safety.

Yet at the same time the President and Republicans in Congress are cutting Safe and Drug Free School Grants, which are the backbone of national efforts to provide every child with a safe and secure learning environment. This year, House Republicans would cut this funding by 34 percent compared to 2002. Communities across America would lose funds that help prevent school violence, curb drug and alcohol use, and foster safe and healthy learning environments where children can achieve.



Here are a few more details on how President Bush and Republicans in Congress are undermining school safety and putting our children at-risk.

- ✗ House Republicans cut Safe and Drug Free State Grants by \$37 million or 10.5 percent compared to last year and \$162 million or 34.3 percent compared to 2002, which was the first year of No Child Left Behind. President Bush's last two budgets would have eliminated this funding altogether.
- ✗ Federal help for public schools to develop emergency response plans to prevent, mitigate and respond to crisis events is being cut at the same time elementary and secondary schools have been included in Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Plan. This assistance was cut 21.5 percent – from \$33 million in 2005 to \$26 million in 2006 – and would be frozen in 2007 under the Bush budget and by House Republicans.
- ✗ The Department of Education's support for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative has been cut 32.3 percent – from \$117 million in 2001 to \$79 million in 2006 – and would be frozen in 2007 under the Bush budget and by House Republicans. This funding helps communities create safe and drug-free learning environments for children through coordinated services developed by schools, law enforcement, mental health, and juvenile justice community partners. Due to inadequate resources, only 4 percent of 485 applications could be funded this year.
- ✗ The 21st Century After School Program that provides children with a safe and secure learning environment in community-based centers is frozen at \$981 million, after being cut last year. This amount falls 60.8 percent short of the \$2.5 billion promised under NCLB so that 2 million more children could be served.
- ✗ The President and House Republicans cut the Mentoring Program by nearly \$30 million or 61.1 percent below its 2006 level. This assistance helps connect troubled youth who are failing at school or at risk of drug and violence problems with mentors and positive adult role models.
- ✗ The President and House Republicans plan to eliminate all funding for the Alcohol Abuse Reduction Program, which received \$32 million in 2006. These funds were used to implement effective efforts to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools and to lower underage drinking.

Attached is a state-by-state table showing cuts in the Safe and Drug Free State Grants.

**FY 2007 LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL CUTS
SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS STATE GRANTS**

STATE	Cut Below FY 2002 Appropriation	Cut Below NCLB Authorization	K-12 Public School Students, 2007
Alabama	-\$2,519,000	-\$4,871,000	735,000
Alaska	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	132,000
Arizona	-\$3,005,000	-\$7,654,000	1,113,000
Arkansas	-\$1,481,000	-\$3,011,000	461,000
California	-\$24,518,000	-\$44,507,000	6,465,000
Colorado	-\$1,735,000	-\$4,775,000	784,000
Connecticut	-\$1,452,000	-\$3,101,000	570,000
Delaware	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	122,000
District of Columbia	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	72,000
Florida	-\$9,012,000	-\$16,941,000	2,684,000
Georgia	-\$5,822,000	-\$11,111,000	1,610,000
Hawaii	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	183,000
Idaho	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	264,000
Illinois	-\$6,738,000	-\$14,489,000	2,107,000
Indiana	-\$2,250,000	-\$6,374,000	1,032,000
Iowa	-\$1,027,000	-\$2,234,000	482,000
Kansas	-\$1,210,000	-\$2,467,000	462,000
Kentucky	-\$2,278,000	-\$4,242,000	668,000
Louisiana	-\$2,750,000	-\$5,551,000	720,000
Maine	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	194,000
Maryland	-\$2,811,000	-\$5,464,000	872,000
Massachusetts	-\$3,237,000	-\$5,590,000	962,000
Michigan	-\$4,882,000	-\$10,101,000	1,740,000
Minnesota	-\$1,779,000	-\$4,044,000	830,000
Mississippi	-\$1,595,000	-\$3,389,000	495,000
Missouri	-\$2,337,000	-\$5,203,000	908,000
Montana	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	143,000
Nebraska	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	285,000
Nevada	-\$980,000	-\$2,779,000	436,000
New Hampshire	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	199,000
New Jersey	-\$3,819,000	-\$8,593,000	1,403,000
New Mexico	-\$1,305,000	-\$2,374,000	317,000
New York	-\$14,702,000	-\$23,919,000	2,779,000
North Carolina	-\$3,836,000	-\$8,948,000	1,417,000
North Dakota	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	94,000
Ohio	-\$4,749,000	-\$11,279,000	1,819,000
Oklahoma	-\$1,743,000	-\$3,321,000	619,000
Oregon	-\$1,263,000	-\$3,998,000	546,000
Pennsylvania	-\$5,183,000	-\$12,509,000	1,781,000
Rhode Island	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	156,000
South Carolina	-\$2,496,000	-\$4,695,000	708,000
South Dakota	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	122,000
Tennessee	-\$2,266,000	-\$5,740,000	958,000
Texas	-\$12,128,000	-\$29,401,000	4,567,000
Utah	-\$821,000	-\$2,436,000	522,000
Vermont	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	92,000
Virginia	-\$3,243,000	-\$7,208,000	1,227,000
Washington	-\$2,140,000	-\$5,971,000	1,010,000
West Virginia	-\$987,000	-\$1,824,000	275,000
Wisconsin	-\$2,166,000	-\$4,533,000	865,000
Wyoming	-\$809,000	-\$1,680,000	83,000

Source: House Appropriations Committee, based on actual FY 2002 Safe and Drug Free Schools (SDF) state grant allocations and Congressional Research Service estimates of SDF state grant allocations under the No Child Left Behind Act and H.R. 5647, the FY 2007 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee. Enrollment projections for 2007 from National Center for Education Statistics.