

CCIP Note #506

Re: Bipartisan Safer Communities Act - Amendment to ESEA

Date: August 16, 2022

To: Nonpublic Principals and Superintendents; Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts of Public Schools, Community Schools, STEMs, and ESCs

Amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

On August 4, 2022, the Ohio Department of Education received [guidance](#) from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Supportive Schools regarding a provision of the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#), signed into law by President Biden on June 25, 2022.

Section 13401 of the Act amends section 8526 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to add a prohibition that no funds under the ESEA may be used for the provision to any person of a dangerous weapon, as defined in section 930(g)(2) of title 18, United States Code, or training in the use of a dangerous weapon. A dangerous weapon is defined in section 930(g)(2) as a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocketknife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length.

Please note, the prohibition went into effect immediately on June 25, 2022, and applies to all ESEA funds, existing and future awards under all ESEA programs, including Title IV-A.

If you have questions about this amendment, please contact the Office of Federal Programs at federalprograms@education.ohio.gov.