Subject: S424A220036-Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

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I am writing to inform you about a recent amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed into law S. 2938, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. Section 13401 of the Act amends section 8526 of the 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. (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 pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length.)

As noted above, this prohibition applies to all ESEA funds. The prohibition went into effect immediately on June 25, 2022, and applies to all existing and future awards under all ESEA programs, including [Title IV-A].

Please make sure and inform all of your LEAs.

Do not hesitate to reach out to your federal program officer if you have specific questions about how the prohibition may impact your grants.

Regards

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