

Memo

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From: Squire Patton Boggs LLP
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Subject: Miami-Dade June 2022 Report

In June, in response to the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, Congress negotiated, drafted, and passed [S. 2938](#), the *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*, which the President signed.

Squire Patton Boggs (SPB) analyzed the legislation and kept the County apprised of developments in the negotiations and as the bill moved through Congress.

As we reported previously, this legislation will:

- Provide funding (\$750 million) to assist states in the development and implementation of crisis intervention orders or “red flag” laws (to enable law enforcement to temporarily remove weapons from individuals deemed to pose a threat to themselves or others);
- Provide funding for mental health and school safety initiatives, including the expansion of community mental health clinics;
- Close the “boyfriend loophole” to prevent convicted domestic abusers, including dating partners, from purchasing a gun for five years following completion of their sentence if there are no similar offenses within that timeframe;
- Establish the first federal law against gun trafficking and straw purchases;
- Enhance background checks (including juvenile and mental health records) and establish a waiting period of three to ten days for gun purchasers under age 21; and
- Clarify laws governing licensed gun dealer registrations to ensure more sellers are licensed.

It will also provide community-based (or directed) resources:

- \$1 billion to states under ESEA Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants) for activities to support safe and healthy students
- \$500 million to the Department of Education’s School-Based Mental Health Service Professionals Program

- \$500 million to the School-Based Mental Health Services Program (state SEA pass-through)
- \$50 million to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program
- \$250 million over five years for the Community Violence Intervention Program
- \$300 million over five years to further support the STOP School Violence Act
- \$250 million over four years for SAMHSA's Community Mental Health Block Grant Program (state pass-through)
- \$120 million over four years for SAMHSA's Mental Health Awareness Training Grant Program
- \$240 million over four years for SAMHSA's Project AWARE, which provides training to address mental health issues among school-aged youth

SPB will continue to monitor the implementation of this legislation, in particular the Community Violence Intervention program.

Additionally, we provided the County with a number of updates on issues as various as:

- Treasury Department disbursement of American Rescue Plan Capital Project funding;
- Proposed Administration standard for Electric Charging Stations;
- Biden Administration funding opportunity for Unsheltered Homelessness;
- Analysis of the Administration's proposed gas tax holiday;
- Update on cyber and Emergency Connectivity fund;
- DHS announcement on expansion of citizenship;
- DOT NOFO on Reconnecting Communities Grant;
- HUD notice on Thriving Communities;
- Updates on FY23 House Appropriations Committee actions; and
- Several updates on SCOTUS decisions.

As always, SPB continued to send a weekly infrastructure report, a weekly Washington Update, and weekly grant announcements.