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H. R. 8058

To establish and implement an informational campaign and national strategy to prevent minors from working with cartels and transnational criminal organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No More Narcos Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND NATIONAL STRAT-**

6 **EGY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, act-
9 ing through the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement

1 Administration and in consultation with the Secretary of
2 Homeland Security, the Secretary of Education, the Di-
3 rector of National Drug Control Policy, and such other
4 Federal, State, local, or tribal agency as may be appro-
5 priate, shall establish and implement an informational
6 campaign to educate covered students on the dangers and
7 risks of working with cartels or other transnational crimi-
8 nal organizations.

9 (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—The Secretary of Home-
10 land Security shall establish and implement a national
11 strategy to combat cartels and other transnational crimi-
12 nal organizations targeting and recruiting minors in the
13 United States to engage in unlawful smuggling or traf-
14 ficking activities.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16 (1) COVERED STUDENT.—The term “covered
17 student” means students in middle grades and high
18 school in United States communities 100 miles or
19 less from the United States-Mexico border.

20 (2) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term “high school”
21 has the meaning given that term in section 8101 of
22 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

24 (3) MIDDLE GRADES.—The term “middle
25 grades” has the meaning given that term in section

1 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

3 (4) MINOR.—The term “minor” means an indi-
4 vidual who has not attained 18 years of age.

5 (5) TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZA-
6 TIONS.—The term “transnational criminal organiza-
7 tion” means self-perpetuating associations of individ-
8 uals who—

9 (A) operate transnationally for the purpose
10 of obtaining power, influence, monetary or com-
11 mercial gains, wholly or in part by illegal
12 means, while protecting their illegal activities
13 through—

14 (i) a pattern of corruption or violence;

15 or

16 (ii) a transnational organizational
17 structure and the exploitation of
18 transnational commerce or communication
19 mechanisms. Transnational criminal orga-
20 nizations; and

21 (B) engage in a broad range of criminal
22 activities, including drug and weapons traf-
23 ficking, migrant smuggling, human trafficking,
24 cybercrime, intellectual property theft, money

1 laundering, wildlife and timber trafficking, ille-
2 gal fishing, and illegal mining.

3 **SEC. 3. DOJ ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND.**

4 Section 524(c)(1) of title 28, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (J)(ii), by striking the pe-
9 riod and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(K) payments for—

13 “(i) the informational campaign to
14 educate students on the dangers and risks
15 of working with cartels or other
16 transnational criminal organizations under
17 the No More Narcos Act; and

18 “(ii) the national strategy to combat
19 cartels and other transnational criminal or-
20 ganizations targeting and recruiting mi-
21 nors in the United States to engage in un-
22 lawful smuggling or trafficking activities
23 under such Act.”.

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