

Protecting Our Kids

Congressman Pat Tiberi plans to introduce a bill to incentivize off-duty law enforcement officials to substitute teach in schools.

- The bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income the compensation received for substitute teaching by an off-duty law enforcement official. As such, off-duty law enforcement officials will not have to pay federal income taxes on the compensation they receive from substitute teaching.
- Off-duty law enforcement officers currently work in a number of part-time employment capacities such as parades, malls, fairs and grocery stores where they can earn a higher level of income than they would substitute teaching. Thus, Congressman Tiberi's bill would provide an incentive for off-duty officials to substitute teach.
- This bill provides the option, not a mandate, for schools to have more tools to better protect their children by providing highly trained armed officials to be in the school at any given time.
- Encouraging off-duty law enforcement officials to assist in educating our students, within the confines of state substitute teaching requirements, provides a deterrent to a possible violent attack.
- Many states, including Ohio, have reported a shortage of substitute teachers. Incentivizing off-duty law enforcement to become substitute teachers provides another pool of individuals to help with the shortage many states are facing.
- Providing a full time, on duty law enforcement official has proven to be costly to school districts that have looked into this option. Allowing off-duty law enforcement to be substitute teachers is a cost effective way to provide protection for our schools.