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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the development of a national strategy to secure elementary and secondary schools against acts of terrorism, and ensure domestic preparedness for and the response to terrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. BACON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “National Strategy for
5 School Security Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS FROM**
2 **THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XXII of the
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 2220F. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS**
7 **FROM THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in the domestic pre-
9 paredness for and response to acts of terrorism and to
10 coordinate Federal efforts to secure elementary and sec-
11 ondary schools (as such terms are defined in section 8101
12 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
13 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), not later than one year after the date
14 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary, in con-
15 sultation and cooperation with the Secretary of Education
16 and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies and
17 departments, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
18 Security and the Committee on Education and Workforce
19 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
20 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the
21 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
22 the Senate a national school security strategy (in this sec-
23 tion referred to as the ‘strategy’).

24 “(b) UPDATES.—The Secretary, in consultation and
25 cooperation with the Secretary of Education and the heads
26 of other appropriate Federal agencies and departments,

1 shall, if appropriate, annually through 2033 update the
2 strategy, and brief the committees specified in subsection
3 (a), as necessary, concerning any such updates. If there
4 are no such updates, the Secretary shall submit to such
5 committees a certification attesting thereto.

6 “(c) CONTENTS.—The strategy, including any up-
7 dates thereto, shall—

8 “(1) account for and describe all Federal pro-
9 grams, projects, activities, and authorities including
10 associated spending levels, to secure elementary and
11 secondary schools from acts of terrorism;

12 “(2) identify specific school security
13 vulnerabilities related to acts of terrorism within the
14 United States, and delineate goals for closing such
15 security vulnerabilities;

16 “(3) describe actions to be taken to achieve
17 such goals and the means necessary to do so, includ-
18 ing steps to reform, improve, and streamline existing
19 efforts to align the current threat environment to el-
20 ementary and secondary schools; and

21 “(4) build upon existing or ongoing evaluations
22 and avoid unnecessary duplication by reviewing the
23 findings, conclusions, and recommendations of other
24 appropriate working groups, committees, commis-
25 sions, or entities established by the Department re-

1 lated to efforts to secure elementary and secondary
2 schools against terrorism within the United States,
3 and ensure domestic preparedness for and the re-
4 sponse to terrorism.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
6 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
7 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
8 2220E the following new item:

“Sec. 2220F. National strategy to secure schools from threats of terrorism.”.

