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H. R. 2259

[Report No. 119-378]

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

MARCH 21, 2025

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. PFLUGER and Mr. VINDMAN

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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”.*

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

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

11 **“SEC. 2220F. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS**
 12 **FROM THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

13 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in the domestic pre-*
 14 *paredness for and response to acts of terrorism and to co-*
 15 *ordinate Federal efforts to secure elementary and secondary*
 16 *schools (as such terms are defined in section 8101 of the*
 17 *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20*
 18 *U.S.C. 7801)), not later than one year after the date of the*
 19 *enactment of this section, the Secretary, in consultation and*
 20 *cooperation with the Secretary of Education and the heads*
 21 *of other appropriate Federal agencies and departments,*
 22 *shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and*
 23 *the Committee on Education and Workforce of the House*
 24 *of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-*
 25 *rity and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on*

1 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a*
 2 *national school security strategy (in this section referred to*
 3 *as the ‘strategy’). The Secretary, in consultation and co-*
 4 *operation with the Secretary of Education and the heads*
 5 *of other appropriate Federal agencies and departments,*
 6 *shall brief such committees on the strategy.*

7 “(b) *UPDATES AND BRIEFINGS.—The Secretary, in*
 8 *consultation and cooperation with the Secretary of Edu-*
 9 *cation and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies*
 10 *and departments, shall, if appropriate, annually through*
 11 *2033 update the strategy, and brief the committees specified*
 12 *in subsection (a) concerning any such update. If there is*
 13 *no such update for any given year, the Secretary shall sub-*
 14 *mit to such committees a certification attesting thereto.*

15 “(c) *CONTENTS.—The strategy, including any updates*
 16 *thereto, shall—*

17 “(1) *account for and describe all Federal pro-*
 18 *grams, projects, activities, and authorities including*
 19 *associated spending levels, to secure elementary and*
 20 *secondary schools from acts of terrorism;*

21 “(2) *identify specific school security*
 22 *vulnerabilities related to acts of terrorism within the*
 23 *United States, and delineate goals for closing such se-*
 24 *curity vulnerabilities;*

1 “(3) describe actions to be taken to achieve such
2 goals and the means necessary to do so, including
3 steps to reform, improve, and streamline existing ef-
4 forts to align the current threat environment to ele-
5 mentary and secondary schools; and

6 “(4) build upon existing or ongoing evaluations
7 and avoid unnecessary duplication by reviewing the
8 findings, conclusions, and recommendations of other
9 appropriate working groups, committees, commis-
10 sions, or entities established by the Department re-
11 lated to efforts to secure elementary and secondary
12 schools against terrorism within the United States,
13 and ensure domestic preparedness for and the re-
14 sponse to terrorism.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in
16 section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
17 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
18 2220E the following new item:

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

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