

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2259, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2259

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

A BILL

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Strategy for
3 School Security Act of 2025”.

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

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

9 **“SEC. 2220F. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS**
10 **FROM THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

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

1 sultation and cooperation with the Secretary of Education
2 and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies and
3 departments, shall brief such committees on the strategy.

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

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

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

19 “(2) identify specific school security
20 vulnerabilities related to acts of terrorism within the
21 United States, and delineate goals for closing such
22 security vulnerabilities;

23 “(3) describe actions to be taken to achieve
24 such goals and the means necessary to do so, includ-
25 ing steps to reform, improve, and streamline existing

1 efforts to align the current threat environment to el-
2 ementary and secondary schools; and

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

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

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