

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

TO H.R. 2259

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

1 and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies and
2 departments, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
3 Security and the Committee on Education and Workforce
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
5 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the
6 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
7 the Senate a national school security strategy (in this sec-
8 tion referred to as the ‘strategy’). The Secretary, in con-
9 sultation and cooperation with the Secretary of Education
10 and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies and
11 departments, shall brief such committees on the strategy.

12 “(b) UPDATES AND BRIEFINGS.—The Secretary, in
13 consultation and cooperation with the Secretary of Edu-
14 cation and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies
15 and departments, shall, if appropriate, annually through
16 2033 update the strategy, and brief the committees speci-
17 fied in subsection (a) concerning any such update. If there
18 is no such update for any given year, the Secretary shall
19 submit to such committees a certification attesting there-
20 to.

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

23 “(1) account for and describe all Federal pro-
24 grams, projects, activities, and authorities including

1 associated spending levels, to secure elementary and
2 secondary schools from acts of terrorism;

3 “(2) identify specific school security
4 vulnerabilities related to acts of terrorism within the
5 United States, and delineate goals for closing such
6 security vulnerabilities;

7 “(3) describe actions to be taken to achieve
8 such goals and the means necessary to do so, includ-
9 ing steps to reform, improve, and streamline existing
10 efforts to align the current threat environment to el-
11 ementary and secondary schools; and

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

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
23 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
24 2220E the following new item:

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

