

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6387, With an Amendment

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

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6387

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2022

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. TITUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “School and Daycare
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-
3 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 714. SCHOOL SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
7 Department a coordinating council to ensure that, to the
8 maximum extent practicable, activities, plans, and policies
9 to enhance the security of early childhood education pro-
10 grams, elementary schools, high schools, and secondary
11 schools against acts of terrorism and other homeland secu-
12 rity threats are coordinated.

13 “(b) COMPOSITION.—The members of the council es-
14 tablished pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(1) The Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy,
17 and Plans.

18 “(2) The Director of the Cybersecurity and In-
19 frastructure Security.

20 “(3) The Administrator of the Federal Emer-
21 gency Management Agency.

22 “(4) The Director of the Secret Service.

23 “(5) The Executive Director of the Office of
24 Academic Engagement.

25 “(6) The Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

1 “(7) Any other official of the Department the
2 Secretary determines appropriate.

3 “(c) LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary shall designate a
4 member of the council to serve as chair of the council.

5 “(d) RESOURCES.—The Secretary shall participate in
6 Federal efforts to maintain and publicize a clearinghouse
7 of resources available to early childhood education pro-
8 grams, elementary schools, high schools, and secondary
9 schools to enhance security against acts of terrorism and
10 other homeland security threats.

11 “(e) REPORTS.—Not later than January 30, 2023,
12 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
13 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
15 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report regard-
16 ing the following:

17 “(1) The Department’s activities, plans, and
18 policies aimed at enhancing the security of early
19 childhood education programs, elementary schools,
20 high schools, and secondary schools against acts of
21 terrorism and other homeland security threats.

22 “(2) With respect to the immediately preceding
23 year, information on the following:

24 “(A) The council’s activities during such
25 year.

1 “(B) The Department’s contributions to
2 Federal efforts to maintain and publicize the
3 clearinghouse of resources referred to in sub-
4 section (d) during such year.

5 “(3) Any metrics regarding the efficacy of such
6 activities and contributions, and any engagement
7 with stakeholders outside of the Federal Govern-
8 ment.

9 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘early
10 childhood education program’, ‘elementary school’, ‘high
11 school’, and ‘secondary school’ have the meanings given
12 such terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
13 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
16 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
17 710 the following new item:

“Sec. 714. School security coordinating council.”.