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To amend title 40, United States Code, with respect to authority of contract security personnel of the General Services Administration Public Buildings Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EZELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Federal Protective
5 Service Reform Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE CARRYING AND**
2 **DETENTION REFORM.**

3 (a) **CONTRACT SECURITY PERSONNEL.**—Section
4 1315 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(h) **CONTRACT SECURITY PERSONNEL.**—

7 “(1) **AUTHORITIES FOR CONTRACT SECURITY**
8 **PERSONNEL.**—

9 “(A) **CARRYING OF FIREARMS.**—The Sec-
10 retary may authorize contract security per-
11 sonnel engaged in the protection of buildings
12 and grounds that are owned, occupied, or se-
13 cured by the General Services Administration
14 Public Buildings Service to carry firearms to
15 carry out the official duties of such personnel.

16 “(B) **DETENTION WITHOUT A WARRANT.**—

17 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—A person author-
18 ized to carry a firearm under this sub-
19 section may, while in the performance of,
20 and in connection with, official duties, de-
21 tain an individual without a warrant for
22 any offense against the United States com-
23 mitted in that person’s presence or for any
24 felony cognizable under the laws of the
25 United States if that person has reason-
26 able grounds to believe that the individual

1 to be detained has committed or is commit-
2 ting such felony.

3 “(ii) CLARIFICATION.—The detention
4 authority conferred by this subparagraph
5 is in addition to any detention authority
6 provided under other laws.

7 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—The following limitations
8 apply to the authority provided under this section:

9 “(A) DETENTION.—Contract security per-
10 sonnel authorized to carry firearms under this
11 subsection may detain an individual only if the
12 individual to be detained is within, or in direct
13 flight from, the area of such offense.

14 “(B) ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN LAWS.—
15 A person granted authority to detain under this
16 subsection may exercise such authority only to
17 enforce laws regarding any building and
18 grounds and all property located in or on that
19 building and grounds that are owned, occupied,
20 or secured by the General Services Administra-
21 tion Public Buildings Service.

22 “(3) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary, with the ap-
23 proval of the Attorney General, shall issue guidelines
24 to implement this subsection.”.

1 (b) POWERS.—Section 1315(b) of title 40, United
2 States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subparagraph (D) by inserting “and” at
4 the end;

5 (2) in subparagraph (E) by striking “; and”
6 and inserting a period; and

7 (3) by striking subparagraph (F).

8 (c) TRAINING STANDARDS AND DESIGNATIONS.—
9 Section 1315(b) of title 40, United States Code, is amend-
10 ed by adding at the end the following:

11 “(3) MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS.—The
12 Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the
13 Federal Protective Service and in accordance with
14 guidelines issued by the Attorney General, shall es-
15 tablish minimum and uniform training standards for
16 any employee designated as an officer or agent to
17 carry out and exercise authority pursuant to this
18 subsection. Such minimum standards shall include
19 ongoing training certified by the Director of the
20 Federal Protective Service.

21 “(4) NOTIFICATION OF DESIGNATIONS AND
22 DELEGATIONS.—The Secretary shall submit to the
23 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
24 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
25 Environment and Public Works and the Committee

1 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
2 the Senate written notification of any approved des-
3 ignations or delegations of any authority provided
4 under this subsection, including the purposes and
5 scope of such designations or delegations, not within
6 the Federal Protective Service, including the purpose
7 for such designations or delegations, oversight proto-
8 cols established to ensure compliance with any re-
9 quirements, including compliance with training re-
10 quirements, and other specifics regarding such des-
11 ignations and delegations.”.

12 **SEC. 3. REVIEW OF PERSONNEL.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
15 Security shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
16 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
17 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
18 Affairs and the Committee on Environment and Public
19 Works of the Senate a report containing a detailed ac-
20 counting of existing personnel and assignments of Federal
21 Protective Service and an evaluation of personnel needs
22 based on current threats to and safety of public buildings
23 and employees and visitors to such buildings.

24 (b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
25 shall include—

1 (1) details on the number of law enforcement
2 personnel and the assignments and locations of such
3 personnel;

4 (2) details on the number of non-law enforce-
5 ment personnel and the positions and locations of
6 such personnel; and

7 (3) an evaluation and analysis of the personnel
8 needs to address current security and safety risks to
9 Federal buildings.

10 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide
12 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the
15 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Sen-
16 ate a briefing on current security and public safety risks
17 to public buildings, including any increases in such risks,
18 trends, and actions taken to improve safety for employees
19 and visits to such buildings.

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