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To enhance the safety of elementary and secondary schools by requiring emergency response and parental notification procedures and improving the security of interior and exterior doors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To enhance the safety of elementary and secondary schools by requiring emergency response and parental notification procedures and improving the security of interior and exterior doors, 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 “Measures for Safer
5 School Districts Act” or the “MSD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PARENTAL NOTIFICA-**
2 **TION PROCEDURES.**

3 Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART H—EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND**
7 **PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

8 **“SEC. 8701. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PARENTAL NOTI-**
9 **FICATION PROCEDURES.**

10 “(a) **POLICIES AND NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.**—As
11 a condition of receiving funds under this Act, each local
12 educational agency shall—

13 “(1) develop and implement emergency re-
14 sponse procedures covering all students, faculty, and
15 staff at public elementary and secondary schools
16 under the jurisdiction of the agency; and

17 “(2) pursuant to such procedures, ensure that
18 parents and guardians receive timely notification of
19 covered threats and emergencies that occur on
20 school grounds, during school transportation, or dur-
21 ing school-sponsored activities.

22 “(b) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—The emergency
23 response and notification procedures developed under sub-
24 section (a) shall meet the following criteria:

25 “(1) The procedures shall be developed in con-
26 sultation with appropriate public safety agencies.

1 “(2) Commonly used alarm system responses
2 for specific types of emergencies shall be imple-
3 mented.

4 “(3) The procedures shall identify—

5 “(A) the primary emergency response
6 agency that is responsible for each type of cov-
7 ered threat or emergency; and

8 “(B) the individuals within each school
9 who are responsible for contacting the primary
10 emergency response agency in the event of such
11 a threat or emergency.

12 “(c) COVERED THREATS AND EMERGENCIES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered threats and
14 emergencies’ means—

15 “(1) weapons possession or use when there is
16 intended harm toward another person;

17 “(2) active shooter or hostage situations;

18 “(3) bomb threats;

19 “(4) murder, homicide, or manslaughter;

20 “(5) sex offenses, including rape, sexual as-
21 sault, or sexual misconduct involving a student and
22 school personnel;

23 “(6) trespassing;

24 “(7) fires;

1 “(8) natural weather emergencies, including
2 hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe storms;

3 “(9) natural disasters;

4 “(10) exposure to harmful substances or condi-
5 tions as a result of a manmade emergency; and

6 “(11) such other threats and emergencies as a
7 local educational agency determines appropriate to
8 address through the procedures required under sub-
9 section (a).”.

10 **SEC. 3. INSTALLATION OR MODIFICATION OF INTERIOR**
11 **AND EXTERIOR DOORS IN SCHOOLS.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Cy-
14 bersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of
15 the Department of Homeland Security, in consultation
16 with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall convene
17 a rulemaking advisory committee to review and develop
18 findings and recommendations to require the installation
19 or modification of interior and exterior doors in any ele-
20 mentary or secondary school in the United States which
21 receives Federal funding.

22 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Director of CISA shall chair
23 and, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
24 rity, appoint the members of the rulemaking committee
25 under subsection (a), which shall be comprised of the Sec-

1 retary of Education (or his or her designee) and at least
2 one representative from the constituencies of—

3 (1) State and local law enforcement officers;

4 (2) school safety personnel or school resource
5 officers;

6 (3) school safety advocates, which may include
7 parents;

8 (4) public, private, or parochial school teachers
9 or administrators;

10 (5) individuals with expertise in the area of bal-
11 listic shielding technology;

12 (6) individuals with expertise in the field of
13 school construction, including structural engineering
14 or architecture; and

15 (7) other stakeholders or experts the Director
16 of CISA, in consultation with the Secretary of
17 Homeland Security, determines appropriate.

18 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The rulemaking advisory
19 committee under subsection (a) shall consider the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (1) Requirements for any reinforced door, in-
22 cluding an identification or specification of appro-
23 priate technologies, mechanisms, covers, adhesives,
24 or other qualities of such doors that may be utilized

1 to better guarantee security within a classroom or
2 elementary or secondary school building.

3 (2) Reinforced door performance standards that
4 manufacturers and elementary or secondary schools
5 are required to satisfy.

6 (3) The development, certification, testing,
7 manufacturing, installation, and training relating to
8 reinforced doors.

9 (4) The appropriate term of service or lifetime
10 of a reinforced door.

11 (5) How requirements will ensure the effective-
12 ness of a reinforced door in protecting against
13 threats while not inhibiting the movement of law en-
14 forcement personnel in pursuit of a threat or the
15 ability of students, teachers, and elementary or sec-
16 ondary school personnel to safely evacuate in the
17 event of an emergency.

18 (6) Other considerations the Director of CISA
19 determines appropriate.

20 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
21 after the convening of the rulemaking advisory committee
22 under subsection (a), the Director of CISA shall submit
23 to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Com-
24 mittee on Education and Workforce of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security

1 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Health,
2 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report
3 based on the findings and recommendations of such com-
4 mittee.

5 (e) FINAL RULE RELATING TO INSTALLATION OR
6 MODIFICATION OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DOORS IN
7 SCHOOLS.—Not later than six months after the date of
8 submission of the report required under subsection (d),
9 the Director of CISA, taking into consideration the find-
10 ings and recommendations contained in such report, shall
11 issue a final rule requiring the installation or modification
12 of interior and exterior doors in elementary or secondary
13 schools for the purpose of reinforcing such doors.

14 (f) STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PRO-
15 GRAM.—This section shall be administered under the au-
16 thorization of the Homeland Security Grant Program
17 under section 2004 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
18 (6 U.S.C. 605). There is authorized to be appropriated
19 to such Program to carry out this section an additional
20 \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year in which the final rule
21 is issued in accordance with subsection (e) and for each
22 of the nine fiscal years thereafter. Such additional
23 amounts may only be obligated and expended for the pur-
24 pose of carrying out this section.

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