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To provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve
protections for restricted areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. MCCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for additional resources for the Secret Service,
and to improve protections for restricted areas.

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 “Secret Service Im-
5 provements Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF**
7 **THE SECRET SERVICE.**

8 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end:

1 “(h) The Director of the Secret Service shall be ap-
2 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-
3 sent of the Senate. The Director of the Secret Service is
4 the head of the Secret Service.”.

5 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTED BUILDING OR GROUNDS.**

6 Section 1752(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the
9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or” at the
11 end; and

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(5) knowingly, and with the intent to impede
15 or disrupt the orderly conduct of Government busi-
16 ness or official functions, causes any object to enter
17 any restricted building or grounds when, or so that,
18 such object, in fact, impedes or disrupts the orderly
19 conduct of Government business or official func-
20 tions;”.

21 **SEC. 4. THREATS AGAINST FORMER VICE PRESIDENTS.**

22 Section 879 of title 18, United States Code, is
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),
2 and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respec-
3 tively; and

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
5 following:

6 “(2) a former Vice President or a member of
7 the immediate family of a former Vice President;”;
8 and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

11 (i) by striking “subsection (a)(1)” and
12 inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
13 section (a)”;

14 (ii) by inserting “or former Vice
15 President” after “former President” each
16 place it appears; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
18 section (a)(2) and (a)(3)” and inserting “para-
19 graphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a)”.

20 **SEC. 5. INCREASED TRAINING.**

21 Beginning in the first full fiscal year after the date
22 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service
23 shall increase the annual number of hours spent training
24 by officers and agents of the Secret Service, including offi-
25 cers of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Divi-

1 sion established under section 3056A of title 18, United
2 States Code and agents operating pursuant to section
3 3056 of title 18, United States Code, including joint train-
4 ing between the two.

5 **SEC. 6. TRAINING FACILITIES.**

6 The Director of the Secret Service is authorized to
7 construct facilities at the Rowley Training Center nec-
8 essary to improve the training of officers of the United
9 States Secret Service Uniformed Division established
10 under section 3056A of title 18, United States Code and
11 agents of the United States Secret Service Presidential
12 Protective Detail, operating pursuant to section 3056 of
13 title 18, United States Code.

14 **SEC. 7. HIRING OF ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND AGENTS.**

15 The Director of the Secret Service is authorized to
16 hire not fewer than—

17 (1) 200 additional officers for the United States
18 Secret Service Uniformed Division established under
19 section 3056A of title 18, United States Code; and

20 (2) 80 additional agents for the United States
21 Secret Service Presidential Protective Detail, oper-
22 ating pursuant to section 3056 of title 18, United
23 States Code.

1 **SEC. 8. EVALUATION OF VULNERABILITIES AND THREATS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Secret Service
3 shall devise and adopt improved procedures for evaluating
4 vulnerabilities in the security of the White House and
5 threats to persons protected by the Secret Service, includ-
6 ing threats posed by unmanned aerial systems or explosive
7 devices.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service
10 shall report on the implementation of subsection (a) to—

11 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
12 House of Representatives;

13 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
14 ate;

15 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (4) the Committee on Homeland Security and
18 Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

19 **SEC. 9. EVALUATION OF USE OF TECHNOLOGY.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Secret Service
21 shall devise and adopt improved procedures for—

22 (1) evaluating the ways in which technology
23 may be used to improve the security of the White
24 House and the response to threats to persons pro-
25 tected by the Secret Service; and

1 (2) retaining evidence pertaining to the duties
2 referred to in paragraph (1) for an extended period
3 of time.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service
6 shall report on the implementation of subsection (a) to—

7 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
8 House of Representatives;

9 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
10 ate;

11 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
12 House of Representatives; and

13 (4) the Committee on Homeland Security and
14 Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

15 **SEC. 10. EVALUATION OF USE OF ADDITIONAL WEAPONRY.**

16 The Director of the Secret Service shall evaluate the
17 practicability of equipping agents and officers with weap-
18 ons other than those provided to officers and agents of
19 the Secret Service as of the date of enactment of this Act,
20 including nonlethal weapons.

21 **SEC. 11. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that an assessment made
23 by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Director
24 of the Secret Service with regard to physical security of
25 the White House and attendant grounds, and any secu-

1 rity-related enhancements thereto should be accorded sub-
2 stantial deference by the National Capital Planning Com-
3 mission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and any other rel-
4 evant entities.

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