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# H. R. 1656

**[Report No. 114–231]**

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 26, 2015]

# **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 Improve-*  
5 *ments 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 amend-*  
9 *ed by adding at the end:*

10 *“(h) The Director of the Secret Service shall be ap-*  
11 *pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-*  
12 *sent of the Senate. The Director of the Secret Service is the*  
13 *head of the Secret Service.”.*

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

15 *Section 1752(a) of title 18, United States Code, is*  
16 *amended—*

17 *(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the*  
18 *end;*

19 *(2) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or” at the*  
20 *end; and*

21 *(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-*  
22 *lowing:*

23 *“(5) knowingly, and with the intent to enter a*  
24 *restricted building or grounds, causes any object to*  
25 *enter any restricted building or grounds, when, or so*

1       *that, such object, in fact, impedes or disrupts the or-*  
2       *derly conduct of government business or official func-*  
3       *tions;”.*

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

5       *Section 879 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-*  
6       *ed—*

7               *(1) in subsection (a)—*

8                       *(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),*  
9                       *and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respec-*  
10                      *tively; and*

11                     *(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*  
12                     *lowing:*

13                     *“(2) a former Vice President or a member of the*  
14                     *immediate family of a former Vice President;”;* and

15               *(2) in subsection (b)(1)—*

16                     *(A) in subparagraph (A)—*

17                               *(i) by striking “subsection (a)(1)” and*  
18                               *inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-*  
19                               *section (a)”;* and

20                              *(ii) by inserting “or former Vice Presi-*  
21                              *dent” after “former President” each place it*  
22                              *appears; and*

23                     *(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-*  
24                     *section (a)(2) and (a)(3)” and inserting “para-*  
25                     *graphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a)”.*

1 **SEC. 5. INCREASED TRAINING.**

2 *Beginning in the first full fiscal year after the date*  
3 *of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service*  
4 *shall increase the annual number of hours spent training*  
5 *by officers and agents of the Secret Service, including offi-*  
6 *cers of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division*  
7 *established under section 3056A of title 18, United States*  
8 *Code and agents operating pursuant to section 3056 of title*  
9 *18, United States Code, including joint training between*  
10 *the two.*

11 **SEC. 6. TRAINING FACILITIES.**

12 *The Director of the Secret Service is authorized to con-*  
13 *struct facilities at the Rowley Training Center necessary*  
14 *to improve the training of officers of the United States Se-*  
15 *cret Service Uniformed Division established under section*  
16 *3056A of title 18, United States Code and agents of the*  
17 *United States Secret Service, operating pursuant to section*  
18 *3056 of title 18, United States Code.*

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

20 *The Director of the Secret Service is authorized to hire*  
21 *not fewer than—*

22 *(1) 200 additional officers for the United States*  
23 *Secret Service Uniformed Division established under*  
24 *section 3056A of title 18, United States Code; and*

25 *(2) 85 additional agents for the United States*  
26 *Secret Service Presidential Protective Detail, oper-*

1        *ating pursuant to section 3056 of title 18, United*  
2        *States Code.*

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

4        *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Secret Service*  
5        *shall devise and adopt improved procedures for evaluating*  
6        *vulnerabilities in the security of the White House and*  
7        *threats to persons protected by the Secret Service, including*  
8        *threats posed by unmanned aerial systems or explosive de-*  
9        *vices.*

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

13                *(1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House*  
14        *of Representatives;*

15                *(2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-*  
16        *ate;*

17                *(3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the*  
18        *House of Representatives;*

19                *(4) the Committee on Homeland Security and*  
20        *Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and*

21                *(5) the Committee on Oversight and Government*  
22        *Reform of the House of Representatives.*

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

24        *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Secret Service,*  
25        *in consultation with the Under Secretary for Science and*

1 *Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, and*  
2 *other experts, shall devise and adopt improved procedures*  
3 *for—*

4           (1) *evaluating the ways in which technology may*  
5 *be used to improve the security of the White House*  
6 *and the response to threats to persons protected by the*  
7 *Secret Service; and*

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

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

14           (1) *the Committee on the Judiciary of the House*  
15 *of Representatives;*

16           (2) *the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-*  
17 *ate;*

18           (3) *the Committee on Homeland Security of the*  
19 *House of Representatives;*

20           (4) *the Committee on Homeland Security and*  
21 *Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and*

22           (5) *the Committee on Oversight and Government*  
23 *Reform of the House of Representatives.*

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

2 *The Director of the Secret Service shall evaluate the*  
3 *practicability of equipping agents and officers with weap-*  
4 *ons other than those provided to officers and agents of the*  
5 *Secret Service as of the date of enactment of this Act, in-*  
6 *cluding nonlethal weapons.*

7 **SEC. 11. SECURITY COSTS FOR SECONDARY RESIDENCES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Presidential Protection Assist-*  
9 *ance Act of 1976 (18 U.S.C. 3056 note) is amended by strik-*  
10 *ing section 4 and inserting the following:*

11 **“SEC. 4. NOTIFICATION REGARDING EXPENDITURES ON**  
12 **NON-GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTIES.**

13 *“The Secret Service shall notify the Committees on Ap-*  
14 *propriations of the House and Senate of any expenditures*  
15 *for permanent facilities, equipment, and services to secure*  
16 *any non-Governmental property in addition to the one non-*  
17 *Governmental property designated by each protectee under*  
18 *subsection (a) or (b) of section 3.”.*

19 *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Presidential*  
20 *Protection Assistance Act of 1976 (18 U.S.C. 3056 note),*  
21 *as amended by this Act, is further amended—*

22 *(1) in section 3(b), by striking “any expendi-*  
23 *tures by the Secret Service” and all that follows*  
24 *through “imposed under section 4” and inserting*  
25 *“any expenditures by the Secret Service for perma-*  
26 *nent facilities, equipment, and services to secure the*



1        *non-Governmental property previously designated*  
2        *under subsection (a) are subject to the requirements*  
3        *set forth in section 4”;* and

4                (2) *in section 5(c), by striking “within the limi-*  
5        *tations imposed under section 4”.*

6        **SEC. 12. ESTABLISHMENT OF ETHICS PROGRAM OFFICE.**

7        *Subject to the oversight of the Office of Chief Counsel*  
8        *of the United States Secret Service, the Director of the Se-*  
9        *cret Service shall establish an Ethics Program Office, con-*  
10       *sisting of a minimum of 2 employees, to administer the pro-*  
11       *visions of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amend-*  
12       *ed, and to provide increased training to employees of the*  
13       *United States Secret Service.*

14       **SEC. 13. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

15       *It is the sense of Congress that an assessment made*  
16       *by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Director of*  
17       *the Secret Service with regard to physical security of the*  
18       *White House and attendant grounds, and any security-re-*  
19       *lated enhancements thereto should be accorded substantial*  
20       *deference by the National Capital Planning Commission,*  
21       *the Commission of Fine Arts, and any other relevant enti-*  
22       *ties.*

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