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H. R. 6964

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to include school security as an element of the National Security Strategy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JAMES (for himself and Mr. RYAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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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. INCLUSION OF SCHOOL SECURITY IN THE NA-**
4 **TIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY.**

5 Section 108(b) of the National Security Act of 1947
6 (50 U.S.C. 3043(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
8 graph (6); and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(5) The strategies and capabilities needed to
4 ensure the safety and security of schools in the
5 United States, including elementary schools, sec-
6 ondary schools, and institutions of higher edu-
7 cation.”.

8 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF THREATS TO SCHOOLS IN THE**
9 **UNITED STATES.**

10 (a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The Secretary of Education and
11 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct a com-
12 prehensive assessment of threats to elementary schools,
13 secondary schools, and institutions of higher education in
14 the United States.

15 (b) **CONSULTATION WITH STATES.**—In conducting
16 the assessment subsection (a), the Secretary of Education
17 and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with
18 the chief executive of each State.

19 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
21 and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall jointly sub-
22 mit to the appropriate congressional committees and con-
23 gressional leadership a report on the results of the assess-
24 ment conducted under subsection (a).

25 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees” means—

3 (A) the Committee on Health, Education,
4 Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on
5 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
6 of the Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Education and
8 Workforce and the Committee on Homeland Se-
9 curity of the House of Representatives.

10 (2) The term “congressional leadership”
11 means—

12 (A) the majority leader of the Senate;

13 (B) the minority leader of the Senate;

14 (C) the Speaker of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives; and

16 (D) the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 (3) The terms “elementary school”, “secondary
19 school”, and “State” have the meanings given those
20 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
21 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

22 (4) The term “institution of higher education”
23 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of

1 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 1002).

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