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H. R. 4804

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2016

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Stop Swatting in Our
5 Schools Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE TO PREVENT SWATTING.**

7 (a) CREATION.—The Director of the Federal Bureau
8 of Investigation shall create a Task Force to combat swat-

1 ting by investigating and referring for prosecution Federal
2 offenses involved in this activity.

3 (b) DEFINITION OF SWATTING.—The term “swat-
4 ting” means activity of individuals who through the use
5 of the mail, telephone, or other instrument of interstate
6 or foreign commerce, or in or affecting interstate or for-
7 eign commerce, willfully makes any threat, or maliciously
8 conveys false information knowing the same to be false,
9 concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made, or
10 to be made, to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual
11 or unlawfully to damage or destroy any building, vehicle,
12 or other real or personal property by means of fire or an
13 explosive with the intent to trigger a response by a law
14 enforcement agency in the absence of circumstances re-
15 quiring such a response.

16 (c) SWATTING CONSIDERED DOMESTIC TER-
17 RORISM.—For the purposes of its activities, the Task
18 Force created under this section shall deem swatting to
19 be a form of domestic terrorism.

20 (d) COORDINATION WITH THE JOINT TERRORISM
21 TASK FORCES.—The task force created under this section
22 shall coordinate its activities with the Joint Terrorism
23 Task Forces.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-
2 propriated to carry out this section such sums as may be
3 necessary.

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