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S. 1835

To enhance military facilities force protection.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BALDWIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Military Facilities
5 Force Protection Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. MILITARY RECRUITING AND RESERVE COMPONENT**

7 **FACILITIES FORCE PROTECTION ENHANCE-**
8 **MENTS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” means a
11 handgun issued by the Federal Government or a
12 State or local government.

1 (2) HANDGUN.—The term “handgun” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 921 of title 18,
3 United States Code.

4 (3) MILITARY PERSONNEL.—The term “mili-
5 tary personnel” means all members of the Armed
6 Forces who are trained by the Armed Forces in the
7 use of firearms.

8 (4) MILITARY RECRUITING FACILITIES.—The
9 term “military recruiting facilities” means govern-
10 ment owned or leased recruiting offices, intermediate
11 command stations, and main stations.

12 (5) RESERVE COMPONENT FACILITY.—The
13 term “reserve component facility” has the meaning
14 given the term “facility” in section 18232(2) of title
15 10, United States Code.

16 (b) USE OF ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law or Department of Defense or mili-
19 tary department regulation, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall station military police or other military per-
21 sonnel armed with firearms, as deemed appropriate
22 by the Secretary, at military recruiting and reserve
23 component facilities for the exclusive purpose of
24 force protection.

1 (2) USE OF ALTERNATIVE PERSONNEL.—Upon
2 a determination by the Secretary that military per-
3 sonnel are not available to meet the force protection
4 requirement under paragraph (1), the Secretary is
5 authorized to enter into memoranda of under-
6 standing with State or local law enforcement agen-
7 cies or State National Guards for the exclusive pur-
8 pose of such force protection.

9 (3) REQUIRED TRAINING.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—In consultation with
11 the Attorney General and State and local law
12 enforcement, as appropriate, the Secretary of
13 Defense shall develop and implement a required
14 training program for all force protection per-
15 sonnel stationed under this section.

16 (B) ELEMENTS.—The training program
17 required under subparagraph (A) shall in-
18 clude—

19 (i) civil law enforcement rules of en-
20 gagement, including appropriate escalation
21 of force;

22 (ii) gun safety procedures, including
23 safe storage and transport; and

24 (iii) education on the relevant laws
25 and first responder policies of the State

1 and local jurisdictions in which the as-
2 signed force protection personnel are lo-
3 cated.

4 (c) FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law or Department of Defense or mili-
7 tary department regulation, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall implement all reasonable and appropriate
9 measures to improve the security of existing military
10 recruitment and reserve component facilities.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The measures implemented
12 under paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum, include
13 the installation of bullet-proof glass and enhanced
14 video surveillance equipment, where appropriate.

15 (3) RELOCATION OF FACILITIES.—Upon deter-
16 mination by the Secretary that adequate security im-
17 provements cannot be made at an existing military
18 recruitment or reserve component facility in its cur-
19 rent location, the Secretary shall relocate such facil-
20 ity to a location consistent with the security im-
21 provements required under this subsection.

22 (d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
23 tion shall be construed as providing armed military per-
24 sonnel with—

1 (1) additional law enforcement authorities, in-
2 cluding authorities to make arrests, to execute or
3 serve warrants, or perform any other civil law en-
4 forcement function; or

5 (2) the authority to perform force protection
6 functions outside military recruiting or reserve com-
7 ponent facilities or the immediate vicinity thereof.

8 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to Congress a report describing the actions
11 taken to comply with the requirements under this section.

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