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H. R. 1593

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2019

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Coordinating and
5 Leveraging Activities for School Security Act” or the
6 “CLASS Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
3 adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 711. SCHOOL SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
6 Department a coordinating council to ensure that, to the
7 maximum extent practicable, activities, plans, and policies
8 to enhance the security of an early childhood education
9 program, elementary school, high school, or secondary
10 schools against an act of terrorism are coordinated.

11 “(b) COMPOSITION.—The members of the council es-
12 tablished pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(1) The Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy,
15 and Plans.

16 “(2) The Director of the Cybersecurity and In-
17 frastructure Security.

18 “(3) The Administrator of the Federal Emer-
19 gency Management Agency.

20 “(4) The Director of the Secret Service.

21 “(5) The Executive Director of the Office of
22 Academic Engagement.

23 “(6) The Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

24 “(7) Any other official of the Department the
25 Secretary determines appropriate.
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1 “(c) LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary shall designate a
2 member of the council to serve as chair of the council.

3 “(d) REPORTS.—Not later than January 30, 2021,
4 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
5 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
7 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report regard-
8 ing the council’s activities during the preceding year, in-
9 cluding information on any metrics regarding the efficacy
10 of such activities.

11 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘early
12 childhood education program’, ‘elementary school’, ‘high
13 school’, and ‘secondary school’ have the meanings given
14 such terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
15 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
17 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
18 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
19 709 the following new item:

“Sec. 711. School security coordinating council.”.

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