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# H. R. 8837

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study on perpetrators of mass killings, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study on perpetrators of mass killings, and for other purposes.

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. STUDY ON PERPETRATORS OF MASS KILLINGS.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
6 conduct a study, and submit to Congress a report on per-  
7 petrators of mass killings (as such term is defined under  
8 section 875(d)(2)(A) of the Homeland Security Act of  
9 2002 (6 U.S.C. 455(d)(2)(A))), which shall include, for

1 all mass killings perpetrated beginning on January 1,  
2 1900, the following:

3 (1) An itemization of all mass killings.

4 (2) The number of perpetrators of mass killings  
5 who were under the influence of a drug or alcohol  
6 at the time of the killing, specifying alcohol or the  
7 specific drug, as applicable.

8 (3) Any history of substance use of the pepe-  
9 rator, including alcohol and drugs (including any  
10 prescription medication or therapy), details of the  
11 specific type of substance, along with descriptions of  
12 the nature of the use, duration, and any resulting  
13 side effects, issues, or changes in the perpetrator re-  
14 sulting from such use.

15 (4) Specific information regarding parental fig-  
16 ures, and other family, friends, and close associates  
17 who may have strongly influenced the perpetrator.

18 (5) Whether and to what extent each pepe-  
19 rator may have engaged with violent video games or  
20 other violent media.

21 (6) Details regarding sexual history, including  
22 sex and sexual orientation, exposure to or use of  
23 pornography, and sexual abuse or other sexual vio-  
24 lence committed by the perpetrator or with respect  
25 to which the perpetrator was a victim.

1           (7) Details regarding any pattern of hatred of  
2 the perpetrator focused on immutable or mutable  
3 characteristics of others, including race, ethnicity,  
4 sex, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation.

5           (8) Any other commonalities among the per-  
6 petrators of mass killings, as determined by the Sec-  
7 retary.

8           (9) Details regarding the perpetrator's religious  
9 training history, activity, and affiliation.

10          (10) The itemized number of mass killings that  
11 were perpetrated with a firearm (as such term is de-  
12 fined in section 921 of title 18, United States Code),  
13 including the specific type of firearm that was used  
14 in each such killing.

15          (11) The number of mass killings that were  
16 perpetrated with a weapon other than a firearm, in-  
17 cluding the specific type of weapon that was used in  
18 each such killing.

19          (12) The number of mass killings that were  
20 perpetrated in gun-free zones.

21          (13) Whether or not the perpetrator of each  
22 mass killing legally acquired or legally possessed the  
23 firearm or other weapon.

1           (14) Any other commonalities among the cir-  
2           cumstances of the mass killings, as determined by  
3           the Secretary.

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