

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4891

To address the growing complexity of the threat environment at United States diplomatic posts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 2025

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Secure Our Embassies
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 Congress—

8 (1) recognizes the growing complexity of the
9 threat environment at United States diplomatic
10 posts and the critical need for seamless coordination

1 among personnel responsible for information secu-
2 rity, physical security, and facility operations;

3 (2) supports the Department of State's efforts
4 to strengthen coordination among Regional Security
5 Officers (RSOs), Diplomatic Technology Officers
6 (DTOs), Regional Security Engineering Officers
7 (RSEOs), and personnel from the Bureau of Over-
8 seas Buildings Operations (OBO), particularly dur-
9 ing the design, construction, and operations of over-
10 seas facilities;

11 (3) supports that Department of State per-
12 sonnel serving in these positions receive appropriate
13 and role-specific counterintelligence (CI) and re-
14 gional specific security training, which should ad-
15 dress regional and functional threat vectors, as well
16 as protocols for identifying and mitigating insider
17 threats, foreign intelligence collection risks, and
18 cyber vulnerabilities; and

19 (4) supports the development of joint training
20 modules or inter-bureau CI briefings to reinforce
21 shared security responsibilities and to prevent siloed
22 operational cultures.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

24 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to

1 Congress a report on actions the Secretary has taken and
2 will take to improve coordination across the positions de-
3 scribed in section 2 and to implement CI training stand-
4 ards for such positions. The report should include a de-
5 scription of current CI training requirements, planned im-
6 provements, and any resource needs to support implemen-
7 tation.

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