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# H. R. 2109

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2017

Mr. MESSER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “National Strategy for  
5 School Security Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS FROM**  
2 **THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in the domestic pre-  
4 paredness for and response to acts of terrorism and other  
5 emergencies and to coordinate Federal efforts to secure  
6 elementary and secondary schools (as such terms are de-  
7 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary  
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), not later than  
9 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
10 Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation and co-  
11 operation with the Secretary of Education and the heads  
12 of other appropriate Federal agencies and departments,  
13 shall develop and submit to the Committee on Homeland  
14 Security, the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
15 structure, and the Committee on Education and the Work-  
16 force of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
17 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the  
18 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of  
19 the Senate a national school security strategy including,  
20 as appropriate, updates to such strategy.

21 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-  
22 section (a) shall—

23 (1) account and describe all Federal programs,  
24 projects, and activities, including spending levels, to  
25 secure elementary and secondary schools from acts  
26 of terrorism and other emergencies;

1           (2) identify specific school security vulnerabili-  
2           ties from acts of terrorism or other emergencies  
3           within the United States, and delineate goals for  
4           closing such security vulnerabilities;

5           (3) describe actions to be taken to achieve such  
6           goals and the means necessary to do so, including  
7           steps to reform, improve, and streamline existing ef-  
8           forts to align the current threat environment to  
9           schools; and

10          (4) identify new authorities or changes in exist-  
11          ing authorities required to address school security.

12          (c) SUNSET.—The requirement to transmit updated  
13          national strategies under this section shall terminate on  
14          the date that is seven years after the date of the enact-  
15          ment of this Act.

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