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H. R. 5643

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for active shooter and mass casualty incident response assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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 “Active Shooter Pre-
5 paredness Enhancement Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVE SHOOTER AND MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT**
2 **RESPONSE ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 890B. ACTIVE SHOOTER AND MASS CASUALTY INCI-**
7 **DENT RESPONSE ASSISTANCE.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
9 with the Attorney General and the heads of other Federal
10 agencies as appropriate, shall develop and make available
11 to State, local, tribal, territorial, private sector, and non-
12 governmental partners guidance to assist in the develop-
13 ment of emergency action and response plans for active
14 shooter and mass casualty incidents in public and private
15 locations, including facilities that have been identified by
16 the Department as potentially vulnerable targets.

17 “(b) GUIDANCE DESCRIBED.—Guidance developed
18 and provided pursuant to subsection (a) may relate to the
19 development of the following:

20 “(1) A strategy for properly responding to an
21 active shooter or mass casualty incident in a public
22 or private location, including evacuating and pro-
23 viding care to persons in such location, with consid-
24 eration given to the needs of persons with disabili-
25 ties.

1 “(2) A plan for establishing a unified command,
2 including identification of staging areas for law en-
3 forcement, fire response, and medical personnel.

4 “(3) A schedule for regular testing of equip-
5 ment used to receive communications during such an
6 incident.

7 “(4) A practiced method and plan to commu-
8 nicate with occupants of such location during such
9 an incident.

10 “(5) A practiced method and plan to commu-
11 nicate with the surrounding community regarding
12 such an incident and the needs of Federal, State,
13 and local officials.

14 “(6) A plan for coordinating with volunteer or-
15 ganizations to expedite assistance for victims.

16 “(7) A schedule for joint exercises and training.

17 “(8) A plan for outreach to facilities that have
18 been identified by the Department as potentially vul-
19 nerable targets.

20 “(9) Other planning documents, as determined
21 by the Secretary, including appropriate regionally fo-
22 cused products, plans, training, and outreach.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
24 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-

1 serting after the item relating to section 890A the fol-
 2 lowing new item:

“Sec. 890B. Active shooter and mass casualty incident response assistance.”.

3 **SEC. 3. LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR MASS CAS-**
 4 **UALTY AND ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS.**

5 Paragraph (2) of section 2006(a) of the Homeland
 6 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 607(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
 8 through (I) as subparagraphs (F) through (J), re-
 9 spectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
 11 lowing new subparagraph:

12 “(E) training exercises to enhance pre-
 13 paredness for and response to mass casualty
 14 and active shooter incidents and security events
 15 at public and private locations;”.

16 **SEC. 4. CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVE SHOOTER THREATS.**

17 Subsection (b) of section 2007 of the Homeland Se-
 18 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 608) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
 20 graph (10); and

21 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
 22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(9) Active shooters.”.

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