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# H. R. 6150

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to include school security as an element of the National Security Strategy, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JAMES (for himself and Mr. RYAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to include school security as an element of the National Security Strategy, 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. INCLUSION OF SCHOOL SECURITY IN THE NA-**  
4 **TIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY.**

5 Section 108(b) of the National Security Act of 1947  
6 (50 U.S.C. 3043(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
8 graph (6); and

1           (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
2           lowing new paragraph:

3           “(5) The strategies and capabilities needed to  
4           ensure the safety and security of schools in the  
5           United States, including elementary schools, sec-  
6           ondary schools, and institutions of higher edu-  
7           cation.”.

8   **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF THREATS TO SCHOOLS IN THE**  
9                                   **UNITED STATES.**

10          (a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The Secretary of Education and  
11          the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct a com-  
12          prehensive assessment of threats to elementary schools,  
13          secondary schools, and institutions of higher education in  
14          the United States.

15          (b) **CONSULTATION WITH STATES.**—In conducting  
16          the assessment subsection (a), the Secretary of Education  
17          and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with  
18          the chief executive of each State.

19          (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date  
20          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education  
21          and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall jointly sub-  
22          mit to the appropriate congressional committees and con-  
23          gressional leadership a report on the results of the assess-  
24          ment conducted under subsection (a).

25          (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1           (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
2       mittees” means—

3           (A) the Committee on Health, Education,  
4       Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on  
5       Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
6       of the Senate; and

7           (B) the Committee on Education and the  
8       Workforce and the Committee on Homeland Se-  
9       curity of the House of Representatives.

10          (2) The term “congressional leadership”  
11       means—

12           (A) the majority leader of the Senate;

13           (B) the minority leader of the Senate;

14           (C) the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
15       resentatives; and

16           (D) the minority leader of the House of  
17       Representatives.

18          (3) The terms “elementary school”, “secondary  
19       school”, and “State” have the meanings given those  
20       terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
21       ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

22          (4) The term “institution of higher education”  
23       has the meaning given that term in section 102 of

1 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
2 1002).

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