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H. R. 6262

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 “Mitigating Attacks on
5 Diplomats Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACOUSTIC ATTACK STUDY.**

2 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of State, in
3 coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human
4 Services, the Secretary of Commerce, the Attorney Gen-
5 eral, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of En-
6 ergy, and in consultation with the Director of National
7 Intelligence, shall carry out a study to determine the ap-
8 propriate standards and procedures that—

9 (1) can be used to counter hypersonic acoustic
10 attacks on Foreign Service officers and their fami-
11 lies; and

12 (2) include methods to support physical protec-
13 tion practices and procedures applicable to United
14 States embassies, consulates, and embassy resi-
15 dences.

16 (b) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—

17 (1) **PRELIMINARY FINDINGS.**—Not later than
18 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
19 the Secretary of State shall provide to the appro-
20 priate congressional committees the initial findings
21 of the study required under subsection (a).

22 (2) **REPORT.**—Not later than 360 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 of State shall submit to the appropriate congress-
25 sional committees a report containing the complete
26 findings of the study required under subsection (a).

1 (3) FORM OF REPORT.—The findings required
2 under paragraph (1) and the report required under
3 paragraph (2) shall be provided and submitted, re-
4 spectively, in unclassified form, but may contain
5 classified annexes.

6 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) in the House of Representatives—

11 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

12 (ii) the Committee on Armed Services;

13 (iii) the Committee on Homeland Se-
14 curity; and

15 (iv) the Permanent Select Committee
16 on Intelligence; and

17 (B) in the Senate—

18 (i) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
19 tions;

20 (ii) the Committee on Armed Services;

21 (iii) the Committee on Homeland Se-
22 curity and Governmental Affairs; and

23 (iv) the Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence.

1 (2) FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER.—The term
2 “Foreign Service officer” has the meaning given
3 such term in section 103 of the Foreign Service Act
4 of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3903).

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