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H. R. 6919

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Coordinating and
5 Leveraging Activities for School Security Act” or the
6 “CLASS Act of 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-
9 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 710. SCHOOL SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Department a coordinating council to ensure that, to the
4 maximum extent practicable, activities, plans, and policies
5 to enhance the security of an early childhood education
6 program, elementary school, high school, or secondary
7 schools against an act of terrorism are coordinated.

8 “(b) COMPOSITION.—The members of the council es-
9 tablished pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(1) The Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy,
12 and Plans.

13 “(2) The Under Secretary responsible for over-
14 seeing critical infrastructure protection, cybersecu-
15 rity, and other related programs of the Department
16 under section 103(a)(1)(H).

17 “(3) The Administrator of the Federal Emer-
18 gency Management Agency.

19 “(4) The Director of the Secret Service.

20 “(5) The Executive Director of the Office of
21 Academic Engagement.

22 “(6) The Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

23 “(7) Any other official of the Department the
24 Secretary determines appropriate.

25 “(c) LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary shall designate a
26 member of the council to serve as chair of the council.

1 “(d) REPORTS.—Not later than January 30, 2020,
2 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
3 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
5 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report regard-
6 ing the council’s activities during the preceding year, in-
7 cluding information on any metrics regarding the efficacy
8 of such activities.

9 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘early
10 childhood education program’, ‘elementary school’, ‘high
11 school’, and ‘secondary school’ have the meanings given
12 such terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
13 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
16 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
17 709 the following new item:

“Sec. 710. School security coordinating council.”.

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