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To require the development of a national strategy to secure schools against terrorism nationwide, and ensure domestic preparedness for and the response to terrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) 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 “National Strategy for
5 School Security Act of 2024”.

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 to
5 coordinate Federal efforts to secure elementary and sec-
6 ondary schools (as such terms are defined in section 8101
7 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
10 Security, in consultation and cooperation with the Sec-
11 retary of Education and the heads of other appropriate
12 Federal agencies and departments, shall develop and sub-
13 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Com-
14 mittee on Education and the Workforce of the House of
15 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
16 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Health,
17 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a national
18 school security strategy including, as appropriate, updates
19 to such strategy.

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

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

1 (2) identify specific school security
2 vulnerabilities from acts of terrorism within the
3 United States, and delineate goals for closing such
4 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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