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To require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EZELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Improving Federal
5 Building Security Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESPONDING TO SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS.**

7 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
3 United States Code.

4 (2) FACILITY SECURITY COMMITTEE.—The
5 term “Facility Security Committee” means a com-
6 mittee that—

7 (A) consists of representatives of—

8 (i) all Federal tenants in a specific
9 non-military facility;

10 (ii) the security organization for the
11 facility; and

12 (iii) the owning or leasing Federal
13 tenant; and

14 (B) is responsible for addressing facility-
15 specific security issues and approving the imple-
16 mentation of security measures and practices in
17 the facility.

18 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

20 (b) RESPONSE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
22 the date on which the Federal Protective Service
23 issues a security recommendation to a Facility Secu-
24 rity Committee to improve facility security, the head

1 of the Facility Security Committee, or a designee
2 thereof, shall—

3 (A) respond to the Secretary—

4 (i) indicating if the Facility Security
5 Committee intends to adopt or reject the
6 recommendation; and

7 (ii) describing the financial implica-
8 tions of adopting or rejecting the rec-
9 ommendation, including if the benefits out-
10 weigh the costs; and

11 (B) if the Facility Security Committee in-
12 tends to reject the recommendation, provide the
13 Secretary a justification for accepting the risk
14 posed by rejecting the recommendation.

15 (2) METHOD.—The Secretary shall—

16 (A) develop a method to monitor the rec-
17 ommendations and responses described in para-
18 graph (1); and

19 (B) take reasonable action to ensure Facil-
20 ity Security Committee responsiveness under
21 paragraph (1).

22 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
25 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-

1 committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
2 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland
3 Security and the Committee on Transportation and
4 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-
5 port that, for the fiscal year preceding the report,
6 includes—

7 (A) a summary of the security rec-
8 ommendations issued by the Federal Protective
9 Service to Facility Security Committees to im-
10 prove facility security;

11 (B) the percentage of recommendations de-
12 scribed in subparagraph (A) that were accepted
13 and the percentage of such recommendations
14 that were rejected;

15 (C) the percentage of Facility Security
16 Committees that failed to respond to a rec-
17 ommendation described in subparagraph (A) in
18 a timely manner;

19 (D) a summary of justifications provided
20 by Facility Security Committees if a Facility
21 Security Committee rejected a recommendation
22 described in subparagraph (A);

23 (E) a summary of the financial implica-
24 tions of Facility Security Committee responses

1 to recommendations described in subparagraph
2 (A), including if the benefits outweigh the costs;

3 (F) an analysis of steps taken by Facility
4 Security Committees to mitigate the risk posed
5 by rejecting a recommendation described in
6 subparagraph (A); and

7 (G) an analysis of any trends found among
8 the findings in the report.

9 (2) FORM.—Each report required under para-
10 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
11 but may include a classified annex.

12 (3) BRIEFING.—The Secretary shall brief the
13 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
14 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Home-
15 land Security and the Committee on Transportation
16 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
17 on an annual basis on the findings of the most re-
18 cently submitted report under paragraph (1).

19 (d) REPORT ON SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY.—Not
20 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
21 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
22 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
23 ate and the Committee on Homeland Security and the
24 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
25 House of Representatives an unredacted report on—

1 (1) all surveillance technology recommended by
2 the Federal Protective Service; and

3 (2) any intended use of the technology de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1).

5 (e) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds
6 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
7 rying out this Act.

8 (f) SUNSET AND REPORT.—

9 (1) SUNSET.—This Act shall cease to be effec-
10 tive on the date that is 5 years after the date of en-
11 actment of this Act.

12 (2) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 5 years
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
14 troller General of the United States shall submit to
15 Congress a report on the effectiveness of this Act.

16 (g) APPLICATION.—This Act shall only apply to—

17 (1) General Services Administration facilities
18 under protection of the Federal Protective Service;
19 and

20 (2) non-General Services Administration facili-
21 ties that pay fees to the Federal Protective Service
22 for protection.

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