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# S. 5166

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Mr. TILLIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Securing Highly Im-  
5 portant Electoral Leaders from Danger Act” or the  
6 “SHIELD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE**  
2 **PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.**

3 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding the following:

5 “(h)(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security and the  
6 Director of the United States Secret Service shall provide  
7 major Presidential candidates, as identified under sub-  
8 section (a)(7), with the same level of protection as the  
9 President and the President-elect.

10 “(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Di-  
11 rector of the United States Secret Service shall provide  
12 major Vice Presidential candidates, as identified under  
13 subsection (a)(7), with the same level of protection as the  
14 Vice President and the Vice President-elect.

15 “(3) In order to ensure that the same level of protec-  
16 tion is provided under paragraphs (1) and (2), the Sec-  
17 retary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Se-  
18 cret Service shall take the following actions:

19 “(A) Provide for the same policies and proce-  
20 dures as those applied to the President, the Vice  
21 President, the President-elect, and the Vice Presi-  
22 dent-elect.

23 “(B) Provide for the assignment of the same  
24 number of agents of the Secret Service to each indi-  
25 vidual.

1           “(C) Provide for the same number and capa-  
2           bility of hard assets.

3           “(D) Provide for the same amount of resources  
4           for threat assessment.

5           “(E) Any other actions the Director of the Se-  
6           cret Service determines are necessary to ensure par-  
7           ity in protections for major Presidential or Vice  
8           Presidential candidates.

9           “(4) Major Presidential and Vice Presidential can-  
10          didates may agree not to receive protections equal to those  
11          of the President, Vice President, President-Elect, or Vice  
12          President-elect. Such agreement shall be in writing and  
13          shall be submitted to the advisory committee established  
14          under subsection (a)(7).”.

15       **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16          There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
17          as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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