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S. 3186

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for active shooter and mass casualty incident response assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2016

Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Active Shooter Pre-
5 paredness Enhancement Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVE SHOOTER AND MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT**
2 **RESPONSE ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 890B. ACTIVE SHOOTER AND MASS CASUALTY INCI-**
7 **DENT RESPONSE ASSISTANCE.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
9 with the Attorney General and the heads of other Federal
10 agencies as appropriate, shall develop and make available
11 to State, local, tribal, territorial, private sector, and non-
12 governmental partners guidance to assist in the develop-
13 ment of emergency action and response plans for active
14 shooter and mass casualty incidents in public and private
15 locations, including facilities that have been identified by
16 the Department as potentially vulnerable targets.

17 “(b) GUIDANCE.—Guidance developed and made
18 available under subsection (a) may relate to the develop-
19 ment of the following:

20 “(1) A strategy for properly responding to an
21 active shooter or mass casualty incident in a public
22 or private location, including evacuating and pro-
23 viding care to persons in the location, with consider-
24 ation given to the needs of persons with disabilities.

1 “(2) A plan for establishing a unified command,
2 including identification of staging areas for law en-
3 forcement, fire response, and medical personnel.

4 “(3) A schedule for regular testing of equip-
5 ment used to receive communications during an ac-
6 tive shooter or mass casualty incident.

7 “(4) A practiced method and plan to commu-
8 nicate with occupants of a public or private location
9 during an active shooter or mass casualty incident.

10 “(5) A practiced method and plan to commu-
11 nicate with the surrounding community regarding an
12 active shooter or mass casualty incident and the
13 needs of Federal, State, and local officials.

14 “(6) A plan for coordinating with volunteer or-
15 ganizations to expedite assistance for victims.

16 “(7) A schedule for joint exercises and training.

17 “(8) A plan for outreach to facilities that have
18 been identified by the Department as potentially vul-
19 nerable targets.

20 “(9) Other planning documents, as determined
21 by the Secretary, including appropriate regionally fo-
22 cused products, plans, training, and outreach.”.

23 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
24 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-
25 curity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135)

1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
2 890A the following:

“Sec. 890B. Active shooter and mass casualty incident response assistance.”.

3 **SEC. 3. LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR MASS CAS-**
4 **UALTY AND ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS.**

5 Section 2006(a)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of
6 2002 (6 U.S.C. 607(a)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
8 through (I) as subparagraphs (F) through (J), re-
9 spectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(E) training exercises to enhance pre-
13 paredness for and response to mass casualty
14 and active shooter incidents and security events
15 at public and private locations;”.

16 **SEC. 4. CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVE SHOOTER THREATS.**

17 Section 2007(b) of the Homeland Security Act of
18 2002 (6 U.S.C. 608(b)) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
20 graph (10); and

21 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(9) Active shooters.”.