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# S. 45

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to  
strengthen school security.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 26, 2021

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to  
the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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of 1965 to strengthen school security.

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 “School Security En-  
5       hancement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SCHOOL SECURITY.**

7       Section 4104 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
8       cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114) is amended—

9               (1) in subsection (b)(3)(B)—

1 (A) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the  
2 end; and

3 (B) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(v) improving school conditions for  
6 student learning, by enabling local edu-  
7 cational agencies to use funds available  
8 under subsection (a)(3) for the purpose of  
9 planning and designing school buildings  
10 and facilities, installing infrastructure, and  
11 implementing technology or other meas-  
12 ures, that strengthen security on school  
13 premises, which may include—

14 “(I) controlling access to school  
15 premises or facilities, through the use  
16 of metal detectors, or other measures,  
17 or technology, with evidence-based ef-  
18 fectiveness (to the extent the State in-  
19 volved determines that such evidence  
20 is reasonably available), in accordance  
21 with the needs of the school;

22 “(II) implementing any tech-  
23 nology or measure, or installing any  
24 infrastructure, to cover and conceal

1 students within the school during cri-  
2 sis situations;

3 “(III) implementing technology  
4 to provide notification to relevant law  
5 enforcement and first responders dur-  
6 ing such a situation;

7 “(IV) implementing any tech-  
8 nology or measure, including hiring  
9 school security officers, or installing  
10 any infrastructure, with evidence-  
11 based effectiveness (to the extent the  
12 State involved determines that such  
13 evidence is reasonably available) to in-  
14 crease the safety of school students  
15 and staff;

16 “(V) implementing any tech-  
17 nology or measure, or installing any  
18 infrastructure, for school safety rein-  
19 forcement, including bullet-resistant  
20 doors and windows; and

21 “(VI) implementing any tech-  
22 nology or system that would reduce  
23 the time needed to disseminate official  
24 information to parents regarding the

1 safety of their children during and im-  
2 mediately following a crisis; and”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

5 “(1) NO FUNDS TO PROVIDE FIREARMS OR  
6 TRAINING.—No amounts provided as a grant under  
7 this part may be used for the provision to any per-  
8 son of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm.

9 “(2) NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in  
10 this part may be construed to preclude or contradict  
11 any other provision of law authorizing the provision  
12 of firearms or training in the use of firearms.”.

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