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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure And Fortify
3 Entrances and Rooms in Schools Act of 2024” or the
4 “SAFER Schools Act of 2024”.

5 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OR MODIFICATION OF INTERIOR**
6 **AND EXTERIOR DOORS IN SCHOOLS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Cy-
9 bersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of
10 the Department of Homeland Security, in consultation
11 with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall convene
12 a rulemaking advisory committee to review and develop
13 findings and recommendations to require the installation
14 or modification of interior and exterior doors in any pri-
15 mary or secondary school in the United States which re-
16 ceives Federal funding.

17 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Director of CISA shall chair
18 and, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
19 rity, appoint the members of the rulemaking committee
20 under subsection (a), which shall be comprised of the Sec-
21 retary of Education (or his or her designee) and at least
22 one representative from the constituencies of—

- 23 (1) State and local law enforcement officers;
24 (2) school safety personnel or school resource
25 officers;

1 (3) school safety advocates, which may include
2 parents;

3 (4) public, private, or parochial school teachers
4 or administrators;

5 (5) individuals with expertise in the area of bal-
6 listic shielding technology;

7 (6) individuals with expertise in the field of
8 school construction, including structural engineering
9 or architecture; and

10 (7) other stakeholders or experts the Director
11 of CISA, in consultation with the Secretary of
12 Homeland Security, determines appropriate.

13 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The rulemaking advisory
14 committee under subsection (a) shall consider the fol-
15 lowing:

16 (1) Requirements for any reinforced door, in-
17 cluding an identification or specification of appro-
18 priate technologies, mechanisms, covers, adhesives,
19 or other qualities of such doors that may be utilized
20 to better guarantee security within a classroom or
21 primary or secondary school building.

22 (2) Reinforced door performance standards that
23 manufacturers and primary or secondary schools are
24 required to satisfy.

1 (3) The development, certification, testing,
2 manufacturing, installation, and training relating to
3 reinforced doors.

4 (4) The appropriate term of service or lifetime
5 of a reinforced door.

6 (5) How requirements will ensure the effective-
7 ness of a reinforced door in protecting against
8 threats while not inhibiting the movement of law en-
9 forcement personnel in pursuit of a threat or the
10 ability of students, teachers, and primary or sec-
11 ondary school personnel to safely evacuate in the
12 event of an emergency.

13 (6) Other considerations the Director of CISA
14 determines appropriate.

15 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
16 after the convening of the rulemaking advisory committee
17 under subsection (a), the Director of CISA shall submit
18 to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Com-
19 mittee on Education and the Workforce of the House of
20 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
21 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Health,
22 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report
23 based on the findings and recommendations of such com-
24 mittee.

1 (e) FINAL RULE RELATING TO INSTALLATION OR
2 MODIFICATION OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DOORS IN
3 SCHOOLS.—Not later than six months after the date of
4 submission of the report required under subsection (d),
5 the Director of CISA, taking into consideration the find-
6 ings and recommendations contained in such report, shall
7 issue a final rule requiring the installation or modification
8 of interior and exterior doors in primary or secondary
9 school for the purpose of reinforcing such doors.

10 (f) STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PRO-
11 GRAM.—This section shall be administered under the au-
12 thorization of the Homeland Security Grant Program
13 under section 2004 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
14 (6 U.S.C. 605). There is authorized to be appropriated
15 to such Program to carry out this section an additional
16 \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year in which the final rule
17 is issued in accordance with subsection (e) and for each
18 of the nine fiscal years thereafter. Such additional
19 amounts may only be obligated and expended for the pur-
20 pose of carrying out this section.

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