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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the development of a national strategy to secure elementary and secondary schools against acts of terrorism and ensure domestic preparedness for and the response to terrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the development of a national strategy to secure elementary and secondary schools against acts of terrorism and ensure domestic preparedness for and the response to terrorism, and for other purposes.

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 “National Strategy for
5 School Security Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS FROM**
2 **THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XXII of the
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 2220F. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO SECURE SCHOOLS**
7 **FROM THREATS OF TERRORISM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in the domestic pre-
9 paredness for and response to acts of terrorism and to
10 coordinate Federal efforts to secure elementary schools
11 and secondary schools (as such terms are defined in sec-
12 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
13 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of the National Strategy for School
15 Security Act of 2025, the Secretary, in consultation and
16 cooperation with the Secretary of Education and the heads
17 of other appropriate Federal agencies and departments,
18 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and
19 Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Health, Edu-
20 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
21 mittee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Edu-
22 cation and Workforce of the House of Representatives a
23 national school security strategy (in this section referred
24 to as the ‘strategy’).

25 “(b) UPDATES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
2 tion and cooperation with the Secretary of Edu-
3 cation and the heads of other appropriate Federal
4 agencies and departments, shall, if appropriate, an-
5 nually through 2033, update the strategy and brief
6 the committees specified in subsection (a) concerning
7 any such update.

8 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary deter-
9 mines no such updates to be appropriate, the Sec-
10 retary shall submit to such committees a certifi-
11 cation attesting thereto.

12 “(c) CONTENTS.—The strategy, including any up-
13 dates thereto, shall—

14 “(1) account for and describe all Federal pro-
15 grams, projects, activities, and authorities to secure
16 elementary and secondary schools from acts of ter-
17 rorism, including the associated spending levels of
18 such Federal programs, projects, activities, and au-
19 thorities;

20 “(2) identify specific school security
21 vulnerabilities related to acts of terrorism within the
22 United States, and delineate goals for closing such
23 security vulnerabilities;

24 “(3) describe actions to be taken to achieve
25 such goals and the means necessary to do so, includ-

1 ing steps to reform, improve, and streamline existing
2 efforts to align the current threat environment to el-
3 elementary and secondary schools; and

4 “(4) build upon existing or ongoing evaluations
5 and avoid unnecessary duplication by reviewing the
6 findings, conclusions, and recommendations of other
7 appropriate working groups, committees, commis-
8 sions, or entities established by the Department re-
9 lated to efforts to secure elementary and secondary
10 schools against terrorism within the United States
11 and ensure domestic preparedness for and the re-
12 sponse to terrorism.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
15 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135) is amended by in-
16 serting after the item relating to section 2220E the fol-
17 lowing:

“Sec. 2220F. National strategy to secure schools from threats of terrorism.”.