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1ST SESSION

H. R. 5184

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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(b)(3)(B) of the Elementary and Sec-
8 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(B))
9 is amended—

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

3 (2) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

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

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

21 “(II) implementing any tech-
22 nology or measure, or installing any
23 infrastructure, to cover and conceal
24 students within the school during cri-
25 sis situations, including any auto-

1 mated or motorized building tech-
2 nology that allows law enforcement
3 and first responders to—

4 “(aa) control, by remote
5 means, any such technology,
6 measure, or infrastructure; or

7 “(bb) increase the ability of
8 law enforcement and first re-
9 sponders to see into school build-
10 ings during crisis situations;

11 “(III) implementing technology
12 to provide notification to relevant law
13 enforcement and first responders dur-
14 ing such a situation;

15 “(IV) implementing any tech-
16 nology or measure, including hiring
17 school security officers, or installing
18 any infrastructure, with evidence-
19 based effectiveness (to the extent the
20 State involved determines that such
21 evidence is reasonably available) to in-
22 crease the safety of school students
23 and staff;

24 “(V) implementing any tech-
25 nology or measure, or installing any

1 infrastructure, for school safety rein-
2 forcement, including bullet-resistant
3 doors and windows; and

4 “(VI) implementing any tech-
5 nology or system that would reduce
6 the time needed to disseminate official
7 information to parents regarding the
8 safety of their children during and im-
9 mediately following a crisis; and”.

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