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To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to develop emergency response and parental notification procedures for certain threats and emergencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “School Safety Notifica-
5 tion System Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PARENTAL NOTIFICA-**
2 **TION PROCEDURES.**

3 Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART H—EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND**
7 **PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

8 **“SEC. 8701. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PARENTAL NOTI-**
9 **FICATION PROCEDURES.**

10 “(a) **POLICIES AND NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.**—As
11 a condition of receiving funds under this Act, each local
12 educational agency shall—

13 “(1) develop and implement emergency re-
14 sponse procedures covering all students, faculty, and
15 staff at public elementary and secondary schools
16 under the jurisdiction of the agency; and

17 “(2) pursuant to such procedures, ensure that
18 parents and guardians receive timely notification of
19 covered threats and emergencies that occur on
20 school grounds, during school transportation, or dur-
21 ing school-sponsored activities.

22 “(b) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—The emergency
23 response and notification procedures developed under sub-
24 section (a) shall meet the following criteria:

25 “(1) The procedures shall be developed in con-
26 sultation with appropriate public safety agencies.

1 “(2) Commonly used alarm system responses
2 for specific types of emergencies shall be imple-
3 mented.

4 “(3) The procedures shall identify—

5 “(A) the primary emergency response
6 agency that is responsible for each type of cov-
7 ered threat or emergency; and

8 “(B) the individuals within each school
9 who are responsible for contacting the primary
10 emergency response agency in the event of such
11 a threat or emergency.

12 “(c) COVERED THREATS AND EMERGENCIES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered threats and
14 emergencies’ means—

15 “(1) weapons possession or use when there is
16 intended harm toward another person;

17 “(2) active shooter or hostage situations;

18 “(3) bomb threats;

19 “(4) murder, homicide, or manslaughter;

20 “(5) sex offenses, including rape, sexual as-
21 sault, or sexual misconduct involving a student and
22 school personnel;

23 “(6) trespassing;

24 “(7) fires;

1 “(8) natural weather emergencies, including
2 hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe storms;

3 “(9) natural disasters;

4 “(10) exposure to harmful substances or condi-
5 tions as a result of a manmade emergency; and

6 “(11) such other threats and emergencies as a
7 local educational agency determines appropriate to
8 address through the procedures required under sub-
9 section (a).”.

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