AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title IV, add the following new subtitle:

Subtitle D—Parents Need To Know

SEC. 431. NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
RELATING TO THREATS AND EMERGENCIES FACED BY STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Subsection 561(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ff(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) Grants for notification to parents after unlawful acts and traumatic events on school grounds.—

“(A) Authorization.—The Secretary may award grants to local educational agencies to establish procedures for schools served by the local educational agencies to provide—

“(i) timely notification to parents, in a manner that does not reveal any person-
ally identifiable information about an individual student, about—

“(I) an unlawful act or traumatic event that occurs on school grounds, during transportation for school-sponsored events, or during school-sponsored activities; or

“(II) a threat that has been made about an unlawful act or traumatic event occurring on school grounds, during transportation for school-sponsored events, or during school-sponsored activities;

“(ii) a plan to address, mitigate, or correct any risks to students associated with the unlawful act or traumatic event and advise parents of available mental health support services; and

“(iii) annual notice to students, parents, and any individual who works at the school describing the notification procedures established under subparagraph (A).

“(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

“(i) TIMELY NOTIFICATION.—The term ‘timely notification’ means, with re-
According to the notification procedures established under subparagraph (A)(i), the exercise of reasonable care by a school to contact the parents or other known emergency contacts of students following the use of such notification procedures, including by telephone calls, voice mail messages, text messages, and email messages.

“(ii) UNLAWFUL ACT OR TRAUMATIC EVENT.—The term ‘unlawful act or traumatic event’ means one or more of the following:

“(I) Homicide or accidental death.

“(II) Rape or sexual assault.

“(III) Aggravated assault with intent to cause serious bodily harm.

“(IV) Arson.

“(V) Any unauthorized possession or use of a firearm.

“(VI) A manmade or natural emergency including any hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide,
mudslide, snowstorm, or drought, or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, explosion, gas leak, building collapse, or damage by aircraft.”.