

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 5___ . CLASSROOM SAFE HAVEN FORCE PROTECTION
2 PILOT PROGRAM.

3 (a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense, acting
4 through the Director of the Department of Defense Edu-
5 cation Activity, shall establish a Classroom Safe Haven
6 Force Protection Pilot Program (in this section referred
7 to as the “Program”) to enhance the physical security of
8 classrooms in covered schools.

9 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Program
10 shall be to—

11 (1) provide enhanced security for the approxi-
12 mately 600 classrooms located in covered schools;

13 (2) harden classroom entry points against
14 armed attacks;

15 (3) increase survivability by providing protected
16 safe-haven spaces within classrooms;

1 (4) improve emergency response effectiveness by
2 extending the time available for law enforcement
3 intervention;

4 (5) evaluate the operational effectiveness of bal-
5 listic-resistant door systems in educational environ-
6 ments; and

7 (6) assess the contribution of classroom hard-
8 ening measures to the overall force protection pos-
9 ture and resilience of military communities and in-
10 stallations.

11 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Under the Program, the Sec-
12 retary of Defense shall provide support to covered schools
13 to create protected safe havens within existing classrooms
14 through the installation and evaluation of lightweight, fire-
15 rated, ballistic-resistant door systems and related protec-
16 tive infrastructure designed to provide immediate protec-
17 tion for students and educators during an armed assault
18 or active shooter incident. Such door systems shall—

19 (1) provide ballistic protection meeting or ex-
20 ceeding UL 752 Level 8 standards, including protec-
21 tion against 7.62x51mm FMJ rounds;

22 (2) be capable of defeating multiple impacts
23 from high-velocity assault rifle rounds commonly as-
24 sociated with active shooter incidents;

1 (3) be certified to applicable fire-resistance
2 standards for educational occupancies;

3 (4) be capable of retrofit installation within ex-
4 isting educational facilities without requiring sub-
5 stantial structural modification or major construc-
6 tion;

7 (5) preserve the appearance and functionality of
8 standard educational environments during normal
9 operations;

10 (6) maintain compliance with all applicable life-
11 safety, accessibility, and emergency egress require-
12 ments; and

13 (7) provide continuous passive protection with-
14 out reliance on external power, electronics, or me-
15 chanical deployment during an emergency.

16 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after an ini-
17 tial round of security improvements have been completed
18 in covered schools in accordance with this section, the Sec-
19 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
20 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
21 Senate a report detailing—

22 (1) participating schools and the number of
23 classrooms protected;

24 (2) implementation costs;

25 (3) safety and operational outcomes;

1 (4) lessons learned;

2 (5) recommendations regarding expansion of
3 the Program across additional covered schools and
4 schools operated by the Department of Defense edu-
5 cation activity outside the United States; and

6 (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of class-
7 room hardening measures in enhancing protection
8 for military-connected students, educators, and
9 school personnel and supporting military family
10 readiness and force protection objectives.

11 (e) COVERED SCHOOL DEFINED.—In this section,
12 the term “covered school” means a school operated by the
13 Department of Defense Education Activity in the United
14 States.

