

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 645

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Labor

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 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(3)(B)—

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

3 (B) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-
4 lowing:

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

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

22 “(II) implementing any tech-
23 nology or measure, or installing any
24 infrastructure, to cover and conceal

1 students within the school during cri-
2 sis situations;

3 “(III) implementing technology
4 to provide notification to relevant law
5 enforcement and first responders dur-
6 ing such a situation;

7 “(IV) implementing any tech-
8 nology or measure, including hiring
9 school security officers, or installing
10 any infrastructure, with evidence-
11 based effectiveness (to the extent the
12 State involved determines that such
13 evidence is reasonably available) to in-
14 crease the safety of school students
15 and staff;

16 “(V) implementing any tech-
17 nology or measure, or installing any
18 infrastructure, for school safety rein-
19 forcement, including bullet-resistant
20 doors and windows; and

21 “(VI) implementing any tech-
22 nology or system that would reduce
23 the time needed to disseminate official
24 information to parents regarding the

1 safety of their children during and im-
2 mediately following a crisis; and”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

5 “(1) NO FUNDS TO PROVIDE FIREARMS OR
6 TRAINING.—No amounts provided as a grant under
7 this part may be used for the provision to any per-
8 son of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm.

9 “(2) NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in
10 this part may be construed to preclude or contradict
11 any other provision of law authorizing the provision
12 of firearms or training in the use of firearms.”.

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