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# H. R. 7956

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Providing Reports On  
5 The Efforts Combating Threats in Schools Act” or the  
6 “PROTECTS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON ACTIONS TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN**  
2 **PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY**  
3 **SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
5 of enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to  
6 the relevant congressional committees a report on the ac-  
7 tions Executive agencies are taking to make school secu-  
8 rity improvements to protect children in public elementary  
9 and secondary schools, including—

10 (1) improvements to the infrastructure of school  
11 property perimeter, parking lot perimeter, building  
12 perimeter, entrance and exit points of the school  
13 building, video monitoring equipment, and the inte-  
14 rior and perimeter of the classroom, and any other  
15 physical improvements related to camera systems  
16 and related hardware, alarm and notification tech-  
17 nology, and visitor management technologies; and

18 (2) increasing the number of school resource of-  
19 ficers and other law enforcement agencies at such  
20 schools.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “Executive  
23 agency” has the meaning given the term in section  
24 105 of title 5, United States Code.

1           (2)   RELEVANT   CONGRESSIONAL   COMMIT-  
2   TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-  
3   tees” means—

4                   (A) the Committee on Health, Education,  
5                   Labor, and Pensions, the Committee on the Ju-  
6                   diciary, and the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
7                   rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;  
8                   and

9                   (B) the Committee on Education and  
10                  Labor, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the  
11                  Committee on Homeland Security of the House  
12                  of Representatives.

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