

Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety Act of 2019 (S. 265)

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As mass casualty attacks continue to be a threat to public safety, it is clear that a proactive solution is needed in order to prevent future tragedies. By the time we are reacting, it is too late. By bringing threat assessment experts together, and utilizing evidence-based behavioral threat assessment and management processes, we can bolster public safety by implementing strategies to identify and stop dangerous individuals before they can commit an act of violence. We have the expertise to combat the targeted violence plaguing our schools, places of worship, and public spaces, but we have yet to fully implement it to prevent attacks.

The Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety Act of 2019:

- Establishes the Joint Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Task Force to develop a National Strategy to prevent targeted violence through threat assessment and management, and evidence-based processes to identify individuals that exhibit patterns of dangerous behavior that may precede an act of targeted violence. The Task Force will be comprised of threat assessment experts from multiple federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, in addition to state and local law enforcement as well as mental health service professionals.
- Requires the Task Force's recommendations for the development of the National Strategy to:
 - Ensure consideration of the different needs and resources of communities across the country, and will not be construed as a national standard.
 - Include recommendations for the most effective leveraging of existing Federal, State, local, and Tribal infrastructure, workforce, and experience.
 - Include recommendations to increase collaboration between government agencies and private entities that focus on public safety responsibilities.
 - Include recommendations on training programs to disseminate to State and Local entities.
 - Include recommendations for a Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management School Violence Prevention Program to train and support a multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional behavioral threat assessment and management process for educational entities.
- Creates a grant program for states, local governments, tribal organizations, educational entities, and nongovernmental organizations to help establish community-based behavioral threat assessment and management units.
- Endorsed by the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP), Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations (NCSBI), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), San Diego County District Attorney, San Diego County Office of Education, the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD), and the University of California Council of Chiefs of Police.