

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on _____

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(b)(3)(B) of the Elementary and Sec-
8 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(B))
9 is amended—

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

2 and

3 (2) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

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

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

21 “(II) implementing any tech-
22 nology or measure, or installing any
23 infrastructure, to cover and conceal
24 students within the school during cri-
25 sis situations;

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

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

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

19 “(VI) implementing any tech-
20 nology or system that would reduce
21 the time needed to disseminate official
22 information to parents regarding the
23 safety of their children during and im-
24 mediately following a crisis; and”.