H.R. 838, the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act
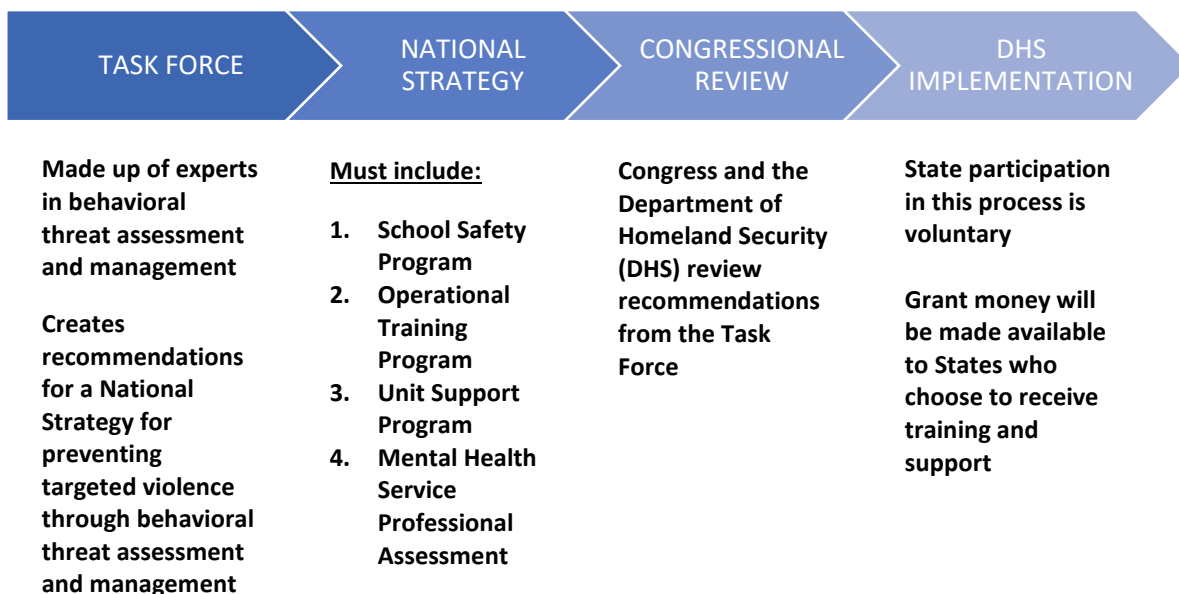
Whether it's a shooting, stabbing, weaponized vehicle, or bombing, mass casualty events are occurring too often. These horrific tragedies are impacting our nation indiscriminately. Americans want a solution – I believe we've found one.

For decades, a process to identify, investigate, assess, and mitigate threats has been in place to counter targeted violence. Pioneered by the U.S. Secret Service, behavioral threat assessment and management has proven successful in protecting our presidents and foreign dignitaries. **If this process works to protect the president, elected officials, foreign dignitaries, and even celebrities, why aren't we using it to protect our children and local communities?**

The TAPS Act:

- Will standardize and provide a behavioral threat assessment and management process across the Federal government

- Will provide States the training, resources, and support needed to stand up community-based, multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment and management units

- Recognizes that behavioral threat assessment and management processes must become part of the culture and fabric of contemporary law enforcement

- Urges that this is a matter of national security – if we act now and work together, we can save lives

How it Works:

TASK FORCE	NATIONAL STRATEGY	CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW	DHS IMPLEMENTATION
Made up of experts in behavioral threat assessment and management **Creates recommendations for a National Strategy for preventing targeted violence through behavioral threat assessment and management**	**Must include:** 1. **School Safety Program** 2. **Operational Training Program** 3. **Unit Support Program** 4. **Mental Health Service Professional Assessment**	**Congress and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) review recommendations from the Task Force**	**State participation in this process is voluntary** **Grant money will be made available to States who choose to receive training and support**

"Let's manage the threat before an attack occurs.
By the time the first shot has fired, it is too late – we have failed." – Rep. Babin

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