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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Victims of School Shootings Act”.

SEC. 2. SCHOOL SHOOTINGS.

Section 924(a)(4) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—
(1) by striking “Whoever violates” and inserting “(A) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, whoever violates”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) Whoever violates section 922(q)(3) and thereby causes harm to or the death of a person through the use of a firearm, shall—

“(i) for killing, or if death results to any person from any other conduct prohibited by this section, be punished by death or by imprisonment for any term of years or for life, be fined under this title, or both;

“(ii) for assault resulting in serious bodily injury, be imprisoned for not more than 30 years or fined under this title, or both; or

“(iii) for attempting or conspiring to commit an offense with the intent to cause the death of any person, be imprisoned for not more than 20 years or fined under this title, or both.”.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF “SCHOOL” REVISED TO INCLUDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Section 921(a)(26) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(26) The term ‘school’ means—
“(A) a school which provides elementary or secondary education, as determined under State law; or

“(B) for purposes of section 922(q)(3), a college, university, or other postsecondary institution.”.