

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4285

To amend title 18, United States Code, to require the screening of volunteers at Federal prisons for terrorist links, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2015

Mr. FINCHER (for himself and Mr. STIVERS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to require the screening of volunteers at Federal prisons for terrorist links, and for other purposes.

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 “Prevent Terrorism
5 from Entering our Prisons Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCREENING OF VOLUNTEERS AT FEDERAL PRISONS**
7 **FOR TERRORIST LINKS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 303 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“§ 4049. Screening of volunteers at Federal prisons**
2 **for terrorist links**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the duty of the Attor-
4 ney General to ensure that each volunteer who offers to
5 work with prisoners at any Federal penal and correctional
6 institution is screened for known and suspected inter-
7 national and domestic terrorist connections or proclivities,
8 using all files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
9 whether such files are open or not for other purposes, and
10 requiring the volunteer to make available social media ac-
11 counts for that purpose.

12 “(b) APPROPRIATE ACTION.—It shall be the duty of
13 the Attorney General to require appropriate action in the
14 case of each volunteer whose screening raises questions
15 about terrorist connections or proclivities.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
17 at the beginning of chapter 303 of title 18, United States
18 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
19 item:

“4049. Screening of volunteers at Federal prisons for terrorist links.”.

20 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**

21 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, the director of the Bureau of Prisons
23 shall study specific procedures in place to reduce the in-
24 stances of radicalization during imprisonment and report
25 the results of that study to the Committee on Homeland

1 Security, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Perma-
2 nent Select Committee on Intelligence, of the House of
3 Representatives, and to the Committee on the Judiciary,
4 the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee
5 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, of the
6 Senate.

○