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To combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCAUL (for himself, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Countering Terrorist Radicalization Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—AMPLIFYING LOCAL EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT TERROR

Sec. 101. Countering violent extremism training.

Sec. 102. Countering violent extremism assessment.

Sec. 103. Department-sponsored clearances.

Sec. 104. Definitions.

TITLE II—COUNTERMESSAGING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 201. Directive.

TITLE III—COUNTERTERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 301. Department of Homeland Security Counterterrorism Advisory Board.

TITLE IV—PROHIBITION ON NEW FUNDING

Sec. 401. Prohibition on new funding.

1 TITLE I—AMPLIFYING LOCAL
2 EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT TERROR

3 SEC. 101. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM TRAINING.

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF TRAINING.—The Secretary
 5 of Homeland Security is authorized to provide training for
 6 personnel, including Department of Homeland Security
 7 personnel, State, local, tribal, and territorial representa-
 8 tives at State and major urban area fusion centers for the
 9 purpose of administering community awareness briefings
 10 and related activities in furtherance of the Department’s
 11 efforts to counter violent extremism, identify and report
 12 suspicious activities, and increase awareness of and more
 13 quickly identify terrorism threats, including the travel or
 14 attempted travel of individuals from the United States to
 15 support a foreign terrorist organization (as such term is
 16 described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
 17 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) abroad.

18 (b) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, in
 19 providing the training under subsection (a), the Secretary
 20 shall coordinate with the heads of other Federal agencies

1 engaged in community outreach related to countering vio-
2 lent extremism and shall also coordinate with such agen-
3 cies in the administration of related activities, including
4 community awareness briefings.

5 **SEC. 102. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ASSESSMENT.**

6 (a) **ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 120
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with appro-
9 priate State, local, tribal, and territorial representatives,
10 shall assess the efforts of the Department of Homeland
11 Security to support countering violent extremism at the
12 State, local, tribal, and territorial levels. Such assessment
13 shall include each of the following:

14 (1) A cataloging of departmental efforts to as-
15 sist State, local, tribal, and territorial governments
16 in countering violent extremism.

17 (2) A review of cooperative agreements between
18 the Department and such governments relating to
19 countering violent extremism.

20 (3) An evaluation of departmental plans and
21 any potential opportunities to better support such
22 governments that are in furtherance of the Depart-
23 ment’s countering violent extremism objectives and
24 are consistent with all relevant constitutional, legal,
25 and privacy protections.

1 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 150
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and con-
3 sistent with the protection of classified information, the
4 Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appro-
5 priate congressional committees the findings of the assess-
6 ment required under subsection (a) together with any re-
7 lated information regarding best practices for countering
8 violent extremism at the State, local, tribal, and territorial
9 levels.

10 **SEC. 103. DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED CLEARANCES.**

11 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
13 notify the appropriate congressional committees of the
14 number of employees of State, local, tribal, and territorial
15 governments with security clearances sponsored by the
16 Department of Homeland Security. Such notification shall
17 include a detailed list of the agencies that employ such
18 employees, the level of clearance held by such employees,
19 and whether such employees are assigned as representa-
20 tives to State and major urban area fusion centers.

21 **SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this title:

23 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
3 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
5 and Governmental Affairs and the Select Com-
6 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

7 (2) The term “violent extremism” means ideo-
8 logically motivated international terrorism or domes-
9 tic terrorism, as such terms are defined in section
10 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

11 **TITLE II—COUNTERMESSAGING** 12 **TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**

13 **SEC. 201. DIRECTIVE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
15 rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-
16 partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist
17 recruitment and communications the public testimonials
18 of former violent extremists or their associates, including
19 friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

20 (1) Countermessaging of foreign terrorist orga-
21 nization communications and narratives.

22 (2) Related community engagement and public
23 education efforts.

24 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
25 curity shall, where appropriate, coordinate the efforts de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) with the heads of other Federal
 2 departments and agencies, as appropriate, and, to the ex-
 3 tent practicable, engage nongovernmental and inter-
 4 national partners in the identification and use of
 5 testimonials described in such subsection.

6 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 7 tion may be construed to require the Secretary of Home-
 8 land Security to collect testimonials directly from former
 9 violent extremists or their associates, including friends and
 10 family.

11 **TITLE III—COUNTERTERRORISM** 12 **ADVISORY BOARD**

13 **SEC. 301. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY** 14 **COUNTERTERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the end of subtitle A of title
 16 II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121
 17 et seq.) insert the following new section:

18 **“SEC. 210G. DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION ON COUNTER-** 19 **TERRORISM.**

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
 21 a board to be composed of senior representatives of de-
 22 partmental operational components and headquarters ele-
 23 ments. The purpose of the board shall be to coordinate
 24 and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and

1 policy related to the counterterrorism mission and func-
2 tions of the Department.

3 “(b) CHARTER.—There shall be a charter to govern
4 the structure and mission of the board. Such charter shall
5 direct the board to focus on the current threat environ-
6 ment and the importance of aligning departmental
7 counterterrorism activities under the Secretary’s guidance.
8 The charter shall be reviewed and updated every four
9 years, as appropriate.

10 “(c) MEMBERS.—

11 “(1) CHAIR.—The Secretary shall appoint a
12 Coordinator for Counterterrorism within the Depart-
13 ment who will serve as the chair of the board.

14 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Secretary
15 shall appoint additional members of the board from
16 among the following:

17 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-
18 istration.

19 “(B) United States Customs and Border
20 Protection.

21 “(C) United States Immigration and Cus-
22 toms Enforcement.

23 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
24 Agency.

25 “(E) The Coast Guard.

1 “(F) United States Citizenship and Immi-
2 gration Services.

3 “(G) The United States Secret Service.

4 “(H) The National Protection and Pro-
5 grams Directorate.

6 “(I) The Office of Operations Coordina-
7 tion.

8 “(J) The Office of the General Counsel.

9 “(K) The Office of Intelligence and Anal-
10 ysis.

11 “(L) The Office of Policy.

12 “(M) The Science and Technology Direc-
13 torate.

14 “(N) Other Departmental offices and pro-
15 grams as determined appropriate by the Sec-
16 retary.

17 “(d) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet on a regular
18 basis to discuss intelligence and coordinate ongoing threat
19 mitigation efforts and departmental activities, including
20 coordination with other Federal, State, local, tribal, terri-
21 torial, and private sector partners, and shall make rec-
22 ommendations to the Secretary.

23 “(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The board shall advise
24 the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts pursuant
25 to section 203 of this Act.

1 “(f) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No ad-
 2 ditional funds are authorized to carry out this section.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 4 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
 5 the item relating to section 210F the following new item:

“Sec. 210G. Departmental coordination on counterterrorism.”.

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
 7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through
 8 the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, shall submit to the
 9 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
 10 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
 11 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the
 12 status and activities of the board established under section
 13 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added
 14 by subsection (a).

15 **TITLE IV—PROHIBITION ON NEW** 16 **FUNDING**

17 **SEC. 401. PROHIBITION ON NEW FUNDING.**

18 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
 19 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
 20 by this Act.

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