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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide counter-radicalization training to Department of Homeland Security representatives at State and local fusion centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2017

Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KEATING, Mr. HURD, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. RATCLIFFE, and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “Amplifying Local Ef-
5 forts to Root out Terror Act of 2017” or the “ALERT
6 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. COUNTER-RADICALIZATION TRAINING.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF TRAINING.—The Secretary
3 of Homeland Security is authorized to provide training for
4 personnel, including Department of Homeland Security
5 personnel and State, local, tribal, and territorial represent-
6 atives at State and major urban area fusion centers for
7 the purpose of administering community awareness brief-
8 ings and related activities in furtherance of the Depart-
9 ment’s efforts to counter radicalization, identify and re-
10 port suspicious activities, and increase awareness of and
11 more quickly identify terrorism threats, including the trav-
12 el or attempted travel of individuals from the United
13 States to support a foreign terrorist organization (des-
14 igned pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and
15 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) abroad.

16 (b) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, in
17 providing the training under subsection (a), the Secretary
18 of Homeland Security shall coordinate with the heads of
19 other Federal agencies engaged in community outreach re-
20 lated to countering radicalization, and shall also coordi-
21 nate with such agencies in the administration of related
22 activities, including community awareness briefings.

23 **SEC. 3. COUNTER-RADICALIZATION ASSESSMENT.**

24 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
26 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with appro-

1 piate State, local, tribal, and territorial representatives,
2 shall assess the efforts of the Department of Homeland
3 Security to support efforts to counter radicalization at the
4 State, local, tribal, and territorial levels. Such assessment
5 shall include each of the following:

6 (1) A cataloging of Department efforts to assist
7 State, local, tribal, and territorial governments to
8 counter radicalization.

9 (2) A review of cooperative agreements between
10 the Department and such governments relating to
11 countering radicalization.

12 (3) An evaluation of Department plans and any
13 potential opportunities to better support such gov-
14 ernments that are in furtherance of the Depart-
15 ment's countering radicalization objectives and are
16 consistent with all relevant constitutional, legal, and
17 privacy protections.

18 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 150
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and con-
20 sistent with the protection of classified information, the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appro-
22 priate congressional committees the findings of the assess-
23 ment required under subsection (a), together with any re-
24 lated information regarding best practices for countering

1 radicalization at the State, local, tribal, and territorial lev-
2 els.

3 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED CLEARANCES.**

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

14 **SEC. 5. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

15 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
16 requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be car-
17 ried out using amounts otherwise authorized.

18 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this Act:

20 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
23 and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs and the Select Com-
3 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

4 (2) The term “radicalization” means ideologi-
5 cally motivated international terrorism or domestic
6 terrorism, as such terms are defined in section 2331
7 of title 18, United States Code.

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