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H. R. 4708

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 2017

Mr. McCAUL (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
2 **COORDINATION THROUGH THE BLUE CAM-**
3 **PAIGN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the
5 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 434. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BLUE**
8 **CAMPAIGN.**

9 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘human
10 trafficking’ means an act or practice described in para-
11 graph (9) or (10) of section 103 of the Trafficking Victims
12 Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

13 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
14 the Department a program, which shall be known as the
15 ‘Blue Campaign’. The Blue Campaign shall be headed by
16 a Director, who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

17 “(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Blue Campaign
18 shall be to unify and coordinate Department efforts to ad-
19 dress human trafficking.

20 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Secretary, working
21 through the Director, shall, in accordance with subsection
22 (e)—

23 “(1) issue Department-wide guidance to appro-
24 priate Department personnel;

25 “(2) develop training programs for such per-
26 sonnel;

1 “(3) coordinate departmental efforts, including
2 training for such personnel; and

3 “(4) provide guidance and training on trauma-
4 informed practices to ensure that human trafficking
5 victims are afforded prompt access to victim support
6 service providers, in addition to the assistance re-
7 quired under section 107 of the Trafficking Victims
8 Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105), to address
9 their immediate and long-term needs.

10 “(e) GUIDANCE AND TRAINING.—The Blue Cam-
11 paign shall provide guidance and training to Department
12 personnel and other Federal, State, tribal, and law en-
13 forcement personnel, as appropriate, regarding—

14 “(1) programs to help identify instances of
15 human trafficking;

16 “(2) the types of information that should be
17 collected and recorded in information technology sys-
18 tems utilized by the Department to help identify in-
19 dividuals suspected or convicted of human traf-
20 ficking;

21 “(3) systematic and routine information sharing
22 within the Department and among Federal, State,
23 tribal, and local law enforcement agencies regard-
24 ing—

1 “(A) individuals suspected or convicted of
2 human trafficking; and

3 “(B) patterns and practices of human traf-
4 ficking;

5 “(4) techniques to identify suspected victims of
6 trafficking along the United States border and at
7 airport security checkpoints;

8 “(5) methods to be used by the Transportation
9 Security Administration and personnel from other
10 appropriate agencies to—

11 “(A) train employees of the Transportation
12 Security Administration to identify suspected
13 victims of trafficking; and

14 “(B) serve as a liaison and resource re-
15 garding human trafficking prevention to appro-
16 priate State, local, and private sector aviation
17 workers and the traveling public;

18 “(6) utilizing resources, such as indicator cards,
19 fact sheets, pamphlets, posters, brochures, and radio
20 and television campaigns to—

21 “(A) educate partners and stakeholders;
22 and

23 “(B) increase public awareness of human
24 trafficking;

1 “(7) leveraging partnerships with State and
2 local governmental, nongovernmental, and private
3 sector organizations to raise public awareness of
4 human trafficking; and

5 “(8) any other activities the Secretary deter-
6 mines necessary to carry out the Blue Campaign.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
9 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
10 433 the following new item:

 “Sec. 434. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign.”.

11 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS.**

12 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
14 ensure, in accordance with the Department of Homeland
15 Security-wide guidance required under section 434(d) of
16 the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by section
17 2 of this Act, the integration of information technology
18 systems utilized within the Department to record and
19 track information regarding individuals suspected or con-
20 victed of human trafficking (as such term is defined in
21 such section).

22 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

23 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
25 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-

1 ernmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
2 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a re-
3 port that—

4 (1) describes the status and effectiveness of the
5 Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign
6 under section 434 of the Homeland Security Act of
7 2002, as added by section 2 of this Act; and

8 (2) provides a recommendation regarding the
9 appropriate office within the Department of Home-
10 land Security for the Blue Campaign.

11 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There is authorized to be appropriated \$819,000 to
13 carry out section 434 of the Homeland Security Act of
14 2002, as added by section 2.

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