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To improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security, and for other purposes.

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Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) 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 “Strengthening Local
5 Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR STAKE-**
9 **HOLDERS.**—The term “public and private sector

1 stakeholders” has the meaning given such term in
2 section 114(u)(1)(C) of title 49, United States Code.

3 (2) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSET.—The
4 term “surface transportation asset” includes facili-
5 ties, equipment, or systems used to provide transpor-
6 tation services by—

7 (A) a public transportation agency (as
8 such term is defined in section 1402(5) of the
9 Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11
10 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53;
11 6 U.S.C. 1131(5)));

12 (B) a railroad carrier (as such term is de-
13 fined in section 20102(3) of title 49, United
14 States Code);

15 (C) an owner or operator of—

16 (i) an entity offering scheduled, fixed-
17 route transportation services by over-the-
18 road bus (as such term is defined in sec-
19 tion 1501(4) of the Implementing Rec-
20 ommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act
21 of 2007 (Public Law 110–53; 6 U.S.C.
22 1151(4))); or

23 (ii) a bus terminal; or

1 (D) other transportation facilities, equip-
2 ment, or systems, as determined by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 (3) TRANSPORTATION FACILITY.—The term
5 “transportation facility” means a bus terminal,
6 intercity or commuter passenger rail station, airport,
7 multi-modal transportation center, or other trans-
8 portation facility, as determined by the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security.

10 **SEC. 3. THREAT INFORMATION SHARING.**

11 (a) PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
12 Security shall prioritize the assignment of officers and in-
13 telligence analysts under section 210A of the Homeland
14 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h) from the Transpor-
15 tation Security Administration and the Office of Intel-
16 ligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Se-
17 curity to locations with participating State, local, and re-
18 gional fusion centers in jurisdictions with a high-risk sur-
19 face transportation asset in order to enhance the security
20 of such assets, including by improving timely sharing of
21 classified information regarding terrorist and other
22 threats.

23 (b) INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS.—Officers and intel-
24 ligence analysts assigned to locations with participating
25 State, local, and regional fusion centers under this section

1 shall participate in the generation and dissemination of
2 transportation security intelligence products, with an em-
3 phasis on terrorist and other threats to surface transpor-
4 tation assets that—

5 (1) assist State, local, and tribal law enforce-
6 ment agencies in deploying their resources, including
7 personnel, most efficiently to help detect, prevent,
8 investigate, apprehend, and respond to terrorist and
9 other threats;

10 (2) promote more consistent and timely sharing
11 of threat information among jurisdictions; and

12 (3) enhance the Department of Homeland Secu-
13 rity’s situational awareness of such terrorist and
14 other threats.

15 (c) CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
16 rity shall make available to appropriate owners and opera-
17 tors of surface transportation assets, and any other person
18 that the Secretary determines appropriate to foster great-
19 er sharing of classified information relating to terrorist
20 and other threats to surface transportation assets, the
21 process of application for security clearances under Execu-
22 tive Order 13549 (75 Fed. Reg. 162; relating to a classi-
23 fied national security information program) or any suc-
24 cessor Executive order.

1 **SEC. 4. INTEGRATED AND UNIFIED OPERATIONS CENTERS.**

2 (a) FRAMEWORK.—Not later than 120 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
4 the Transportation Security Administration, in consulta-
5 tion with the heads of other appropriate offices or compo-
6 nents of the Department of Homeland Security, shall
7 make available to public and private sector stakeholders
8 a framework for establishing an integrated and unified op-
9 erations center responsible for overseeing daily operations
10 of a transportation facility that promotes coordination for
11 responses to terrorism, serious incidents, and other pur-
12 poses, as determined appropriate by the Administrator.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
15 Transportation Security Administration shall report to the
16 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
18 and Transportation of the Senate regarding the establish-
19 ment and activities of integrated and unified operations
20 centers at transportation facilities at which the Transpor-
21 tation Security Administration has a presence.

22 **SEC. 5. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TRAINING.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
24 rity, in consultation with public and private sector stake-
25 holders, may develop, through the Federal Law Enforce-
26 ment Training Centers, a training program to enhance the

1 protection, preparedness, and response capabilities of law
2 enforcement agencies with respect to terrorism and other
3 serious incidents at a surface transportation asset.

4 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Secretary of Homeland
5 Security develops the training program described in sub-
6 section (a), such training program shall—

7 (1) be informed by current information regard-
8 ing terrorist tactics;

9 (2) include tactical instruction tailored to the
10 diverse nature of the surface transportation asset
11 operational environment; and

12 (3) prioritize training officers from law enforce-
13 ment agencies that are eligible for or receive grants
14 under sections 2003 or 2004 of the Homeland Secu-
15 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604 and 605) and offi-
16 cers employed by railroad carriers that operate pas-
17 senger service, including interstate passenger service.

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