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H. R. 5099

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a fusion center technical assistance program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Mr. ESTES of Kansas (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. GALLAGHER) 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 “Enhancing DHS’ Fu-
5 sion Center Technical Assistance Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUSION CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 Section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
9 (6 U.S.C. 124h) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as
2 subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (j):

5 “(j) FUSION CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-
6 GRAM.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in con-
8 sultation with officials from the National Network of
9 Fusion Centers and, to the greatest extent prac-
10 ticable, other relevant stakeholders, shall establish a
11 fusion center technical assistance program.

12 “(2) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—In carrying out
13 the fusion center technical assistance program estab-
14 lished under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

15 “(A) provide technical assistance to fusion
16 centers regarding—

17 “(i) grants administered under sec-
18 tions 2003 and 2004;

19 “(ii) terrorism prevention activities;
20 and

21 “(iii) intelligence and information
22 sharing;

23 “(B) provide to fusion centers notice of
24 any changes to the activities referred to in sub-
25 paragraph (A);

1 “(C) make available best practices regard-
2 ing—

3 “(i) fusion center operations;

4 “(ii) information sharing and analysis
5 of homeland security threats, including
6 cyber threats;

7 “(iii) protecting privacy, civil rights,
8 and civil liberties; and

9 “(iv) such other best practices as the
10 Secretary determines appropriate; and

11 “(D) carry out such other activities as the
12 Secretary determines appropriate.”.

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