

# Union Calendar No. 459

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5099

**[Report No. 115–603]**

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

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## 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

MARCH 19, 2018

Additional sponsor: Ms. ROSEN

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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—

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

12           (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
13           lowing new subsection (j):

14       “(j) FUSION CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
15       GRAM.—

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

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

24           “(A) provide technical assistance to fusion  
25           centers regarding—

1 “(i) grants administered under sec-  
2 tions 2003 and 2004;

3 “(ii) terrorism prevention activities;  
4 and

5 “(iii) intelligence and information  
6 sharing;

7 “(B) provide to fusion centers notice of  
8 any changes to the activities referred to in sub-  
9 paragraph (A);

10 “(C) make available best practices regard-  
11 ing—

12 “(i) fusion center operations;

13 “(ii) information sharing and analysis  
14 of homeland security threats, including  
15 cyber threats;

16 “(iii) protecting privacy, civil rights,  
17 and civil liberties; and

18 “(iv) such other best practices as the  
19 Secretary determines appropriate; and

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



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