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To require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RICHMOND (for himself and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 “Protecting Critical In-
5 frastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRONE AND EMERGING THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for

1 Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
2 Security shall—

3 (1) in consultation with other relevant officials
4 of the Department, request additional information
5 from other agencies of the Federal Government,
6 State and local government agencies, and the private
7 sector relating to threats of unmanned aircraft sys-
8 tems and other emerging threats associated with
9 such new technologies;

10 (2) in consultation with relevant officials of the
11 Department and other appropriate agencies of the
12 Federal Government, develop and disseminate a se-
13 curity threat assessment regarding unmanned air-
14 craft systems and other emerging threats associated
15 with such new technologies; and

16 (3) establish and utilize, in conjunction with the
17 Chief Information Officer of the Department and
18 other relevant entities, a secure communications and
19 information technology infrastructure, including
20 data-mining and other advanced analytical tools, in
21 order to access, receive, and analyze data and infor-
22 mation in furtherance of the responsibilities under
23 this section, including by establishing a voluntary
24 mechanism whereby critical infrastructure owners
25 and operators may report information on emerging

1 threats, such as the threat posed by unmanned air-
2 craft systems.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for In-
5 telligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
6 Security shall prepare a threat assessment and report to
7 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
8 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
9 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on the threat
10 posed by unmanned aircraft systems, including informa-
11 tion collected from critical infrastructure owners and oper-
12 ators and Federal, State, and local government agencies.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

14 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
15 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
16 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
17 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

18 (2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
19 “unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given
20 such term in section 331 of the FAA Modernization
21 and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note;
22 Public Law 112–95).

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