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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2019

Mr. WALKER (for himself and Mr. KING of New York) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “CBRN Intelligence and
3 Information Sharing Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NU-**
5 **CLEAR INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION**
6 **SHARING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Home-
8 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.) is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 210H. CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND**
11 **NUCLEAR INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION**
12 **SHARING.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Intelligence and
14 Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security shall—

15 “(1) support homeland security-focused intel-
16 ligence analysis of terrorist actors, their claims, and
17 their plans to conduct attacks involving chemical, bi-
18 ological, radiological, or nuclear materials against
19 the United States;

20 “(2) support homeland security-focused intel-
21 ligence analysis of global infectious disease, public
22 health, food, agricultural, and veterinary issues;

23 “(3) support homeland security-focused risk
24 analysis and risk assessments of the homeland secu-
25 rity hazards described in paragraphs (1) and (2), in-
26 cluding the transportation of chemical, biological,

1 nuclear, and radiological materials, by providing rel-
2 evant quantitative and nonquantitative threat infor-
3 mation;

4 “(4) leverage existing and emerging homeland
5 security intelligence capabilities and structures to
6 enhance prevention, protection, response, and recov-
7 ery efforts with respect to a chemical, biological, ra-
8 diological, or nuclear attack;

9 “(5) share information and provide tailored an-
10 alytical support on such threats to State, local, Trib-
11 al, and territorial authorities, and other Federal
12 agencies, as well as relevant national biosecurity and
13 biodefense stakeholders, as appropriate; and

14 “(6) perform other responsibilities, as assigned
15 by the Secretary.

16 “(b) COORDINATION.—Where appropriate, the Office
17 of Intelligence and Analysis shall coordinate with other
18 relevant Department components, including the Coun-
19 tering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and the Na-
20 tional Biosurveillance Integration Center, agencies within
21 the intelligence community, including the National
22 Counter Proliferation Center, and other Federal, State,
23 local, Tribal, and territorial authorities, including officials
24 from high-threat urban areas, State and major urban area
25 fusion centers, and local public health departments, as ap-

1 appropriate, and enable such entities to provide rec-
2 ommendations on optimal information sharing mecha-
3 nisms, including expeditious sharing of classified informa-
4 tion, and on how such entities can provide information to
5 the Department.

6 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
8 ‘intelligence community’ has the meaning given such
9 term in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of
10 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

11 “(2) NATIONAL BIOSECURITY AND BIODEFENSE
12 STAKEHOLDERS.—The term ‘national biosecurity
13 and biodefense stakeholders’ means officials from
14 Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial authori-
15 ties and individuals from the private sector who are
16 involved in efforts to prevent, protect against, re-
17 spond to, and recover from a biological attack or
18 other phenomena that may have serious health con-
19 sequences for the United States, including infectious
20 disease outbreaks.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
23 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
24 201F the following new item:

“Sec. 210H. Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and in-
formation sharing.”.

1 (c) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act and an-
4 nually thereafter for each of the following four years,
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall report to
6 the appropriate congressional committees on the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (A) The intelligence and information shar-
9 ing activities under section 210H of the Home-
10 land Security Act of 2002 (as added by sub-
11 section (a) of this section) and of all relevant
12 entities within the Department of Homeland
13 Security to counter the threat from attacks
14 using chemical, biological, radiological, or nu-
15 clear materials.

16 (B) The Department's activities in accord-
17 ance with relevant intelligence strategies.

18 (2) ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION.—The
19 reports required under paragraph (1) shall include
20 the following:

21 (A) An assessment of the progress of the
22 Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the De-
23 partment of Homeland Security in imple-
24 menting such section 210H.

1 (B) A description of the methods estab-
2 lished to carry out such assessment.

3 (3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
4 “appropriate congressional committees” means the
5 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
6 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
7 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
8 and any committee of the House of Representatives
9 or the Senate having legislative jurisdiction under
10 the rules of the House of Representatives or Senate,
11 respectively, over the matter concerned.

12 **SEC. 3. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ANALYZED BY**
13 **THE DEPARTMENT TO STATE, LOCAL, TRIB-**
14 **AL, TERRITORIAL, AND PRIVATE ENTITIES**
15 **WITH RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO**
16 **HOMELAND SECURITY.**

17 Paragraph (6) of section 201(d) of the Homeland Se-
18 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121(d)) is amended by strik-
19 ing “and to agencies of State” and all that follows through
20 the period at the end and inserting “to State, local, tribal,
21 territorial, and private entities with such responsibilities,
22 and, as appropriate, to the public, in order to assist in
23 preventing, deterring, or responding to acts of terrorism
24 against the United States.”.

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