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# H. R. 2539

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BARRAGÁN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Homeland Security

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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 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8           (1) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR STAKE-  
9       HOLDERS.—The term “public and private sector  
10       stakeholders” has the meaning given such term in  
11       section 114(u)(1)(C) of title 49, United States Code.

12          (2) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSET.—The  
13       term “surface transportation asset” includes facili-  
14       ties, equipment, or systems used to provide transpor-  
15       tation services by—

16           (A) a public transportation agency (as  
17           such term is defined in section 1402(5) of the  
18           Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11  
19           Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53;  
20           6 U.S.C. 1131(5)));

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

24           (C) an owner or operator of—

1 (i) an entity offering scheduled, fixed-  
2 route transportation services by over-the-  
3 road bus (as such term is defined in sec-  
4 tion 1501(4) of the Implementing Rec-  
5 ommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act  
6 of 2007 (Public Law 110–53; 6 U.S.C.  
7 1151(4))); or

8 (ii) a bus terminal; or

9 (D) other transportation facilities, equip-  
10 ment, or systems, as determined by the Sec-  
11 retary.

12 **SEC. 3. THREAT INFORMATION SHARING.**

13 (a) **PRIORITIZATION.**—The Secretary of Homeland  
14 Security shall prioritize the assignment of officers and in-  
15 telligence analysts under section 210A of the Homeland  
16 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h) from the Transpor-  
17 tation Security Administration and, as appropriate, from  
18 the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department  
19 of Homeland Security, to locations with participating  
20 State, local, and regional fusion centers in jurisdictions  
21 with a high-risk surface transportation asset in order to  
22 enhance the security of such assets, including by improv-  
23 ing timely sharing of classified information regarding ter-  
24 rorist and other threats.

1 (b) INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS.—Officers and intel-  
2 ligence analysts assigned to locations with participating  
3 State, local, and regional fusion centers under this section  
4 shall participate in the generation and dissemination of  
5 transportation security intelligence products, with an em-  
6 phasis on terrorist and other threats to surface transpor-  
7 tation assets that—

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

13 (2) promote more consistent and timely sharing  
14 of threat information among jurisdictions; and

15 (3) enhance the Department of Homeland Secu-  
16 rity’s situational awareness of such terrorist and  
17 other threats.

18 (c) CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
19 rity shall make available to appropriate owners and opera-  
20 tors of surface transportation assets, and to any other per-  
21 son that the Secretary determines appropriate to foster  
22 greater sharing of classified information relating to ter-  
23 rorist and other threats to surface transportation assets,  
24 the process of application for security clearances under  
25 Executive Order No. 13549 (75 Fed. Reg. 162; relating

1 to a classified national security information program) or  
2 any successor Executive order.

3 **SEC. 4. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TRAINING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
5 rity, in consultation with public and private sector stake-  
6 holders, may develop, through the Federal Law Enforce-  
7 ment Training Centers, a training program to enhance the  
8 protection, preparedness, and response capabilities of law  
9 enforcement agencies with respect to terrorist and other  
10 threats at a surface transportation asset.

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

14 (1) be informed by current information regard-  
15 ing terrorist tactics;

16 (2) include tactical instruction tailored to the  
17 diverse nature of the surface transportation asset  
18 operational environment; and

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

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