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To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) 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 “DHS Overseas Per-
5 sonnel Enhancement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL BRIEFING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-
8 mission of the comprehensive 3-year strategy required
9 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every

1 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security
2 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
3 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
4 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-
5 garding Department of Homeland Security personnel with
6 primary duties that take place outside of the United
7 States.

8 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefings required under
9 subsection (a) shall include the following:

10 (1) A detailed summary of each type of per-
11 sonnel position with primary duties that take place
12 outside of the United States and how each such po-
13 sition contributes to the Department of Homeland
14 Security’s counterterrorism mission.

15 (2) Information related to how the geographic
16 and regional placement of such positions contributes
17 to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.

18 (3) Information related to the position-specific
19 training received by such personnel before and dur-
20 ing placement at a foreign location.

21 (4) Challenges that may impede the commu-
22 nication of counterterrorism information between
23 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-
24 partment entities in the United States, including
25 technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

1 (5) The status of efforts to implement the
2 strategy referred to in subsection (a).

3 (6) The status of efforts (beginning with the
4 second briefing required under this section) to imple-
5 ment the enhancement plan under section 3.

6 **SEC. 3. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ENHANCEMENT PLAN.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
8 first briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall
9 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
10 House and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
11 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the ef-
12 fectiveness of Department of Homeland Security per-
13 sonnel at foreign locations.

14 (b) **PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**—The plan required under
15 subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

16 (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland
17 Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,
18 for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity
19 development and furthering the Department’s
20 counterterrorism mission;

21 (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-
22 sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United
23 States;

1 (3) enhance collaboration among Department
2 personnel at foreign locations, other Federal per-
3 sonnel at foreign locations, and foreign partners;

4 (4) improve the communication of counterter-
5 rorism information between Department personnel
6 at foreign locations and Department entities in the
7 United States, including to address technical, re-
8 source, and administrative challenges; and

9 (5) maintain practices to guard against
10 counter-espionage threats associated with Depart-
11 ment personnel.

12 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

13 The briefing requirement under section 2 shall termi-
14 nate on the date that is four years after the submission
15 of the strategy referred to in such section.

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