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H. R. 2590

[Report No. 116-95]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2019

Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 8, 2019]

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 Personnel*
5 *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 under*
9 *section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization Act for*
10 *Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every 180 days*
11 *thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall brief*
12 *the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-*
13 *resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and*
14 *Governmental Affairs of the Senate regarding Department*
15 *of Homeland Security personnel with primary duties that*
16 *take place outside of the United States.*

17 *(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefings required under*
18 *subsection (a) shall include the following:*

19 *(1) A detailed summary of, and deployment*
20 *schedule for, each type of personnel position with pri-*
21 *mary duties that take place outside of the United*
22 *States and how each such position contributes to the*
23 *Department of Homeland Security’s counterterrorism*
24 *mission.*

1 (2) *Information related to how the geographic*
2 *and regional placement of such positions contributes*
3 *to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.*

4 (3) *Information related to any risk mitigation*
5 *plans for each geographic and regional placement, in-*
6 *cluding to address counter-intelligence risks.*

7 (4) *Information regarding the costs of deploying*
8 *or maintaining personnel at each geographic and re-*
9 *gional placement, including information on any cost-*
10 *sharing agreement with foreign partners to cover a*
11 *portion or all the costs relating to such deployment or*
12 *maintenance.*

13 (5) *Maintain and enhance practices to guard*
14 *against counter-espionage and counter-intelligence*
15 *threats, including cyber threats, associated with De-*
16 *partment personnel.*

17 (6) *Information regarding trends in foreign ef-*
18 *forts to influence such personnel while deployed over-*
19 *seas to contribute to the Department’s counterter-*
20 *rorism mission.*

21 (7) *Information related to the position-specific*
22 *training received by such personnel before and during*
23 *placement at a foreign location.*

24 (8) *Challenges that may impede the communica-*
25 *tion of counterterrorism information between Depart-*

1 *ment personnel at foreign locations and Department*
2 *entities in the United States, including technical, re-*
3 *source, and administrative challenges.*

4 *(9) The status of efforts to implement the strat-*
5 *egy referred to in subsection (a).*

6 *(10) The status of efforts (beginning with the sec-*
7 *ond briefing required under this section) to imple-*
8 *ment the enhancement plan under section 3.*

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

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
11 *first briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall*
12 *submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the*
13 *House and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-*
14 *ernmental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the effec-*
15 *tiveness of Department of Homeland Security personnel at*
16 *foreign locations.*

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

19 *(1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland*
20 *Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,*
21 *for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity de-*
22 *velopment and furthering the Department’s counter-*
23 *terrorism mission;*

1 (2) *as appropriate, redeploy Department per-*
2 *sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United*
3 *States;*

4 (3) *enhance collaboration among Department*
5 *personnel at foreign locations, other Federal personnel*
6 *at foreign locations, and foreign partners;*

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

12 (5) *maintain practices to guard against counter-*
13 *espionage threats associated with Department per-*
14 *sonnel.*

15 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

16 *The briefing requirement under section 2 shall termi-*
17 *nate on the date that is four years after the submission of*
18 *the strategy referred to in such section.*

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