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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HURD of Texas (for himself and Ms. SPANBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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## 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 “Trafficking and Smug-  
5 gling Intelligence Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES BY DRUG TRAF-**  
2 **FICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NORTHERN**  
3 **TRIANGLE AND MEXICO.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National In-  
6 telligence, in coordination with the Chief of Intelligence  
7 of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Assist-  
8 ant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, shall  
9 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-  
10 port containing an analytical assessment of the activities  
11 of drug trafficking organizations in the Northern Triangle  
12 and Mexico. Such assessment shall include, at a min-  
13 imum—

14 (1) an assessment of the effect of drug traf-  
15 ficking organizations on the security and economic  
16 situation in the Northern Triangle;

17 (2) an assessment of the effect of the activities  
18 of drug trafficking organizations on the migration of  
19 persons from the Northern Triangle to the United  
20 States-Mexico border;

21 (3) a summary of any relevant activities by ele-  
22 ments of the intelligence community in relation to  
23 drug trafficking organizations in the Northern Tri-  
24 angle and Mexico;

1 (4) a summary of key methods and routes used  
2 by drug trafficking organizations in the Northern  
3 Triangle and Mexico to the United States;

4 (5) an assessment of the intersection between  
5 the activities of drug trafficking organizations,  
6 human traffickers and human smugglers, and other  
7 organized criminal groups in the Northern Triangle  
8 and Mexico; and

9 (6) an assessment of the illicit funds and finan-  
10 cial transactions that support the activities of drug  
11 trafficking organizations and connected criminal en-  
12 terprises in the Northern Triangle and Mexico.

13 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
14 may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted,  
15 shall contain an unclassified summary.

16 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The report under subsection (a),  
17 or the unclassified summary of the report described in  
18 subsection (b), shall be made publicly available.

19 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUG-**  
20 **GLING FROM THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE TO**  
21 **THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER.**

22 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days  
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director  
24 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Under  
25 Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Anal-

1 ysis and the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence  
2 and Research, shall submit to the appropriate congress-  
3 sional committees a report containing an analytical assess-  
4 ment of human trafficking and human smuggling by indi-  
5 viduals and organizations in the Northern Triangle and  
6 Mexico. Such assessment shall include, at a minimum—

7 (1) an assessment of the effect of human traf-  
8 ficking and human smuggling on the security and  
9 economic situation in the Northern Triangle;

10 (2) a summary of any relevant activities by ele-  
11 ments of the intelligence community in relation to  
12 human trafficking and human smuggling in the  
13 Northern Triangle and Mexico;

14 (3) an assessment of the methods and routes  
15 used by human traffickers and human smuggler or-  
16 ganizations to move persons from the Northern Tri-  
17 angle to the United States-Mexico border;

18 (4) an assessment of the intersection between  
19 the activities of human traffickers and human smug-  
20 glers, drug trafficking organizations, and other orga-  
21 nized criminal groups in the Northern Triangle and  
22 Mexico; and

23 (5) an assessment of the illicit funds and finan-  
24 cial transactions that support the activities of  
25 human traffickers and human smugglers and con-

1 nected criminal enterprises in the Northern Triangle  
2 and Mexico.

3 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
4 may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted,  
5 shall contain an unclassified summary.

6 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The report under subsection (a),  
7 or the unclassified summary of the report described in  
8 subsection (b), shall be made publicly available.

9 **SEC. 4. PRIORITIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES**  
10 **FOR THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE AND MEXICO.**

11 (a) REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY EF-  
12 FORTS IN NORTHERN TRIANGLE AND MEXICO.—The Di-  
13 rector of National Intelligence, in coordination with the  
14 Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence  
15 and Analysis, the Assistant Secretary of State for Intel-  
16 ligence and Research, the Chief of Intelligence of the Drug  
17 Enforcement Administration, and other appropriate offi-  
18 cials in the intelligence community, shall carry out a com-  
19 prehensive review of the current intelligence collection pri-  
20 orities of the intelligence community for the Northern Tri-  
21 angle and Mexico in order to identify whether such prior-  
22 ities are appropriate and sufficient in light of the threat  
23 posed by the activities of drug trafficking organizations  
24 and human traffickers and human smugglers to the secu-  
25 rity of the United States and the Western Hemisphere.

1 (b) REPORTS.—

2 (1) REPORT ON INITIAL REVIEW.—Not later  
3 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of  
4 this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall  
5 submit to the congressional intelligence committees a  
6 comprehensive description of the results of the re-  
7 view required by subsection (a), including whether  
8 the priorities described in that subsection are appro-  
9 priate and sufficient in light of the threat posed by  
10 the activities of drug trafficking organizations and  
11 human traffickers and human smugglers to the secu-  
12 rity of the United States and the Western Hemi-  
13 sphere. If the report concludes that such priorities  
14 are not so appropriate and sufficient, the report  
15 shall also include a description of the actions to be  
16 taken to modify such priorities in order to assure  
17 that such priorities are so appropriate and sufficient.

18 (2) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90  
19 days after the date on which the report under para-  
20 graph (1) is submitted, and every 90 days thereafter  
21 for a 5-year period, the Director of National Intel-  
22 ligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence  
23 committees a report on the intelligence community's  
24 collection priorities and activities in the Northern  
25 Triangle and Mexico with a focus on the threat

1 posed by the activities of drug trafficking organiza-  
2 tions and human traffickers and human smugglers  
3 to the security of the United States and the Western  
4 Hemisphere. The first report under this paragraph  
5 shall also include a description of the amount of  
6 funds expended by the intelligence community to the  
7 efforts described in subsection (a) during each of fis-  
8 cal years 2018 and 2019.

9 (c) FORM.—The reports required by subsection (b)  
10 may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted,  
11 shall contain an unclassified summary.

12 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
15 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
16 mittees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
18 Committee on Homeland Security, and the Per-  
19 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
20 House of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
22 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
23 ernmental Affairs, and the Select Committee on  
24 Intelligence of the Senate.

1           (2) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human  
2           trafficking” has the meaning given the term “severe  
3           forms of trafficking in persons” by section 103 of  
4           the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection  
5           Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

6           (3) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term  
7           “intelligence community” has the meaning given  
8           that term in section 3 of the National Security Act  
9           of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

10          (4) NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—The term “North-  
11          ern Triangle” means El Salvador, Guatemala, and  
12          Honduras.

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