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To require an annual homeland threat assessment, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) 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 “Homeland Threat As-
5 sessment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL HOMELAND THREAT ASSESSMENTS.**

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:

1 **“SEC. 210H. HOMELAND THREAT ASSESSMENTS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this section and for each of
4 the next five fiscal years (beginning in the fiscal year that
5 begins after the date of the enactment of this section) the
6 Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Intel-
7 ligence and Analysis, and using departmental information,
8 including component information, and information pro-
9 vided through State and major urban area fusion centers,
10 shall conduct an assessment of the terrorist threat to the
11 homeland.

12 “(b) CONTENTS.—Each assessment under subsection
13 (a) shall include the following:

14 “(1) Empirical data assessing terrorist activi-
15 ties and incidents over time in the United States, in-
16 cluding terrorist activities and incidents planned or
17 supported by persons outside of the United States
18 targeting the homeland.

19 “(2) An evaluation of current terrorist tactics,
20 as well as ongoing and possible future changes in
21 terrorist tactics.

22 “(3) An assessment of criminal activity encoun-
23 tered or observed by officers or employees of compo-
24 nents in the field which is suspected of financing ter-
25 rorist activity.

1 “(4) Detailed information on all individuals de-
2 nied entry to or removed from the United States as
3 a result of material support provided to a foreign
4 terrorist organization (as such term is used in sec-
5 tion 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1189)).

7 “(5) The efficacy and spread of foreign ter-
8 rorist organization propaganda, messaging, or re-
9 cruitment.

10 “(6) An assessment of threats, including cyber
11 threats, to the homeland, including to critical infra-
12 structure and Federal civilian networks.

13 “(7) An assessment of current and potential
14 terrorism and criminal threats posed by individuals
15 and organized groups seeking to unlawfully enter the
16 United States.

17 “(8) An assessment of threats to the transpor-
18 tation sector, including surface and aviation trans-
19 portation systems.

20 “(c) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The assessments
21 required under subsection (a)—

22 “(1) shall, to the extent practicable, utilize ex-
23 isting component data collected from the field; and

24 “(2) may incorporate relevant information and
25 analysis from other agencies of the Federal Govern-

1 ment, agencies of State and local governments (in-
2 cluding law enforcement agencies), as well as the
3 private sector, disseminated in accordance with
4 standard information sharing procedures and poli-
5 cies.

6 “(d) FORM.—The assessments required under sub-
7 section (a) shall be shared with the appropriate congres-
8 sional committees and submitted in classified form, but—
9 “(1) shall include unclassified summaries; and
10 “(2) may include unclassified annexes, if appro-
11 priate.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d) of
13 section 201 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
14 U.S.C. 121) is amended by adding at the end the following
15 new paragraph:

16 “(24) To carry out section 210H (relating to
17 homeland threat assessments).”.

18 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-
20 serting after the item relating to section 210F the fol-
21 lowing new item:

“Sec. 210H. Homeland threat assessments.”.

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