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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a board to coordinate and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and policy related to counterterrorism, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Counterterrorism Advi-
3 sory Board Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COUNTER-**
5 **TERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the end of subtitle A of title
7 II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121
8 et seq.) insert the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 210H. DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION ON COUNTER-**
10 **TERRORISM.**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
12 a board to be composed of senior representatives of de-
13 partmental operational components and headquarters ele-
14 ments. The purpose of the board shall be to coordinate
15 and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and
16 policy related to the counterterrorism mission and func-
17 tions of the Department.

18 “(b) CHARTER.—There shall be a charter to govern
19 the structure and mission of the board. Such charter shall
20 direct the board to focus on the current threat environ-
21 ment and the importance of aligning departmental
22 counterterrorism activities under the Secretary’s guidance.
23 The charter shall be reviewed and updated every 4 years,
24 as appropriate.

25 “(c) MEMBERS.—

1 “(1) CHAIR.—The Secretary shall appoint a
2 Coordinator for Counterterrorism within the Depart-
3 ment who will serve as the chair of the board.

4 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Secretary
5 shall appoint additional members of the board from
6 among the following:

7 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-
8 istration.

9 “(B) United States Customs and Border
10 Protection.

11 “(C) United States Immigration and Cus-
12 toms Enforcement.

13 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
14 Agency.

15 “(E) The Coast Guard.

16 “(F) United States Citizenship and Immi-
17 gration Services.

18 “(G) The United States Secret Service.

19 “(H) The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
20 Security Agency.

21 “(I) The Office of Operations Coordina-
22 tion.

23 “(J) The Office of the General Counsel.

24 “(K) The Office of Intelligence and Anal-
25 ysis.

1 “(L) The Office of Policy.

2 “(M) The Science and Technology Direc-
3 torate.

4 “(N) Other Departmental offices and pro-
5 grams as determined appropriate by the Sec-
6 retary.

7 “(d) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet on a regular
8 basis to discuss intelligence and coordinate ongoing threat
9 mitigation efforts and departmental activities, including
10 coordination with other Federal, State, local, tribal, terri-
11 torial, and private sector partners, and shall make rec-
12 ommendations to the Secretary.

13 “(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The board shall advise
14 the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts pursuant
15 to section 203 of this Act.

16 “(f) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No ad-
17 ditional funds are authorized to carry out this section.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
20 the item relating to section 210G the following new item:

“Sec. 210H. Departmental coordination on counterterrorism.”.

21 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through
23 the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, shall submit to the
24 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security

1 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the
2 status and activities of the board established under section
3 210H of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added
4 by subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives January 29,
2019.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.