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S. 2162

To require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Securing America’s
5 Borders Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL BORDER PATROL PERSONNEL.**

2 (a) AGENTS.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs
3 and Border Protection shall hire, train, and assign not
4 fewer than 600 new Border Patrol agents, compared to
5 the current attrition level, during every fiscal year until
6 the total number of Border Patrol agents equals and sus-
7 tains the requirements identified in Executive Order
8 13767 (82 Fed. Reg. 8793).

9 (b) SUPPORT STAFF.—The Commissioner is author-
10 ized to hire, train, and assign support staff to perform
11 non-law enforcement administrative functions to support
12 the new Border Patrol agents hired pursuant to subsection
13 (a).

14 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
16 days thereafter, the Commissioner shall submit a report
17 to the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
18 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Home-
19 land Security of the House of Representatives that de-
20 scribes the status of the Border Patrol workforce, includ-
21 ing—

- 22 (1) the total number of Border Patrol agents;
23 (2) the total number of Border Patrol support
24 staff;
25 (3) the number of Border Patrol agents and
26 support staff hired during the reporting period;

1 (4) the number of Border Patrol agents and
2 support staff lost to attrition, broken down by port
3 of entry; and

4 (5) any hiring authorities, incentive pay, or
5 other special pay incentives utilized during the re-
6 porting period.

7 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE STAFFING ANALYSIS.**

8 The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
9 tection shall—

10 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of the
11 enactment of this Act, amend the comprehensive
12 staffing analysis required under section 2(e) of the
13 Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 (Pub-
14 lic Law 113–277) based on any changes to workload
15 demands since the date of the enactment of such
16 Act; and

17 (2) not later than 90 days after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, submit a report to the Comp-
19 troller General of the United States that includes
20 the results of a comprehensive staffing analysis, as
21 required under section 2(e) of the Border Patrol
22 Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–
23 277).

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated, for each of
3 the fiscal years 2020 through 2026, such sums as may
4 be necessary to carry out this Act.

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