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To establish a Counterterrorism Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish a Counterterrorism Advisory Board, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COUNTER-**
7 **TERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Home-
9 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.) is amend-
10 ed by inserting after section 210E the following:

1 **“SEC. 210F. DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION ON COUNTER-**
2 **TERRORISM.**

3 “(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—There is authorized in the
4 Department a Counterterrorism Advisory Board (in this
5 section referred to as the ‘Board’) which shall—

6 “(1) be composed of senior representatives of
7 departmental operational components and head-
8 quarters elements; and

9 “(2) coordinate departmental intelligence activi-
10 ties and policy and information related to the mis-
11 sion and functions of the Department that counter
12 terrorist threats.

13 “(b) **CHARTER.**—There shall be a charter to govern
14 the structure and mission of the Board, which shall—

15 “(1) direct the Board to focus on the current
16 threat environment and the importance of aligning
17 departmental activities to counter threats under the
18 guidance of the Secretary; and

19 “(2) be reviewed and updated as appropriate.

20 “(c) **MEMBERS.**—

21 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Board shall be com-
22 posed of senior representatives of departmental oper-
23 ational components and headquarters elements.

24 “(2) **CHAIR.**—The Under Secretary for Intel-
25 ligence and Analysis shall serve as the Chair of the
26 Board.

1 “(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint
2 additional members of the Board from among the
3 following:

4 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-
5 istration.

6 “(B) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

7 “(C) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
8 forcement.

9 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
10 Agency.

11 “(E) The Coast Guard.

12 “(F) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
13 Services.

14 “(G) The United States Secret Service.

15 “(H) The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
16 Security Agency.

17 “(I) The Office of Operations Coordina-
18 tion.

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

20 “(K) The Office of Intelligence and Anal-
21 ysis.

22 “(L) The Office of Strategy, Policy, and
23 Plans.

24 “(M) The Science and Technology Direc-
25 torate.

1 “(N) The Office for State and Local Law
2 Enforcement.

3 “(O) The Privacy Office.

4 “(P) The Office for Civil Rights and Civil
5 Liberties.

6 “(Q) Other departmental offices and pro-
7 grams as determined appropriate by the Sec-
8 retary.

9 “(d) MEETINGS.—The Board shall—

10 “(1) meet on a regular basis to discuss intel-
11 ligence and coordinate ongoing threat mitigation ef-
12 forts and departmental activities, including coordina-
13 tion with other Federal, State, local, tribal, terri-
14 torial, and private sector partners; and

15 “(2) make recommendations to the Secretary.

16 “(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The Board shall advise
17 the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts under
18 section 203.

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

21 “(g) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall
22 terminate on the date that is 2 years after the date of
23 enactment of the Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of
24 2019.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
2 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-
3 curity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135)
4 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
5 210E the following:

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

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
8 rity, acting through the Chair of the Counterterrorism Ad-
9 visory Board established under section 210F of the Home-
10 land Security Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a),
11 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and
12 Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
13 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a
14 report on the status and activities of the Counterterrorism
15 Advisory Board.

16 (d) NOTICE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
17 shall provide written notification to and brief the Com-
18 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
19 of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security
20 of the House of Representatives on any changes to or in-
21 troductions of new mechanisms to coordinate threats
22 across the Department of Homeland Security.

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