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117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 4326****[Report No. 117-229]**

To authorize the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to pay stipends to members of Transnational Criminal Investigative Units who have been properly vetted.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2022

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

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Transnational Crimi-
3 nal Investigative Unit Stipend Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS**
5 **TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE**
6 **UNITS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 890C. TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE**
11 **UNITS.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall operate
13 Transnational Criminal Investigative Units within United
14 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland
15 Security Investigations.

16 “(b) COMPOSITION.—Each Transnational Criminal
17 Investigative Unit shall be composed of trained foreign law
18 enforcement officials who shall collaborate with Homeland
19 Security Investigations to investigate and prosecute indi-
20 viduals involved in transnational criminal activity.

21 “(c) VETTING REQUIREMENT.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon entry into a
23 Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit, and at
24 periodic intervals while serving in such a unit, for-
25 eign law enforcement officials shall be required to
26 pass certain security evaluations, which may include

1 a background check, a polygraph examination, a uri-
2 nalysis test, or other measures that the Director of
3 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement deter-
4 mines to be appropriate.

5 “(2) REPORT.—The Director of U.S. Immigra-
6 tion and Customs Enforcement shall submit a report
7 to the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
8 ernmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
9 on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
10 tives that describes—

11 “(A) the procedures used for vetting
12 Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit
13 members; and

14 “(B) any additional measures that should
15 be implemented to prevent personnel in vetted
16 units from being compromised by criminal orga-
17 nizations.

18 “(d) MONETARY STIPEND.—The Director of U.S.
19 Immigration and Customs Enforcement is authorized to
20 pay vetted members of a Transnational Criminal Inves-
21 tigative Unit a monetary stipend in an amount associated
22 with their duties dedicated to unit activities.

23 “(e) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—*The Director of U.S. Immi-*
24 *gration and Customs Enforcement, during the 5-year period*
25 *beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall*

1 *provide an annual unclassified briefing to the congressional*
2 *committees referred to in subsection (c)(2), which may in-*
3 *clude a classified session, if necessary, that identifies—*

4 “(1) *the number of vetted members of*
5 *Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit in each*
6 *country;*

7 “(2) *the amount paid in stipends to such mem-*
8 *bers, disaggregated by country; and*

9 “(3) *relevant enforcement statistics, such as ar-*
10 *rests and progress made on joint investigations, in*
11 *each such country.”.*

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
13 for the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. note)
14 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
15 890B the following:

“Sec. 890C. Transnational Criminal Investigative Units.”.

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