

Union Calendar No. 126

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3224

[Report No. 118–159]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2023

Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

JULY 27, 2023

Additional sponsor: Mr. LALOTA

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Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “Countering Weapons
5 of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUN-**
7 **TERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**
8 **OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND**
9 **SECURITY.**

10 (a) EXTENSION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section
12 1901 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
13 U.S.C. 591) is amended by striking “5 years after
14 the date of the enactment of the Countering Weap-
15 ons of Mass Destruction Act of 2018” and inserting
16 “seven years after the date of the enactment of the
17 Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension
18 Act of 2023”.

19 (2) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not
20 apply to sections 1931 and 1932 of the Homeland
21 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 597 and 597a; relat-
22 ing to the Chief Medical Officer and the medical
23 countermeasures program of the Department of
24 Homeland Security).

25 (b) ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—

1 (1) EMPLOYEE MORALE.—Not later than 180
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Assistant Secretary for the Countering Weapons of
4 Mass Destruction Office of the Department of
5 Homeland Security shall submit a report to and
6 brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
9 Senate regarding an employee engagement action
10 plan and strategy to continuously improve morale
11 within the Office.

12 (2) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later than
13 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
14 the Comptroller General of the United States shall
15 conduct a review of and brief the Committee on
16 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
18 ernmental Affairs of the Senate regarding the fol-
19 lowing with respect to the Countering Weapons of
20 Mass Destruction Office of the Department of
21 Homeland Security:

22 (A) The efforts of the Office to prioritize
23 the programs and activities that carry out the
24 mission of the Office, including research and
25 development.

1 (B) The consistency and effectiveness of
2 the Office's stakeholder coordination across the
3 mission of the Department, including oper-
4 ational and support components of the Depart-
5 ment and State and local entities.

6 (C) The efforts of the Office to manage
7 and coordinate the lifecycle of research and de-
8 velopment within the Office and with other
9 components of the Department, including the
10 Science and Technology Directorate.

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