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H. R. 3654

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require a report on United States strategy to combat
terrorist use of social media, 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 “Combat Terrorist Use
3 of Social Media Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON STRATEGY TO COMBAT TERRORIST USE**
5 **OF SOCIAL MEDIA.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
8 transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
9 port on United States strategy to combat terrorists’ and
10 terrorist organizations’ use of social media.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
12 (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) An evaluation of what role social media
14 plays in radicalization in the United States and else-
15 where.

16 (2) An analysis of how terrorists and terrorist
17 organizations are using social media, including
18 trends.

19 (3) A summary of the Federal Government’s ef-
20 forts to disrupt and counter the use of social media
21 by terrorists and terrorist organizations, an evalua-
22 tion of the success of such efforts, and recommenda-
23 tions for improvement.

24 (4) An analysis of how social media is being
25 used for counter-radicalization and counter-propa-

1 ganda purposes, irrespective of whether or not such
2 efforts are made by the Federal Government.

3 (5) An assessment of the value of social media
4 posts by terrorists and terrorist organizations to law
5 enforcement.

6 (6) An overview of social media training avail-
7 able to law enforcement and intelligence personnel
8 that enables such personnel to understand and com-
9 bat the use of social media by terrorists and ter-
10 rorist organizations, as well as recommendations for
11 improving or expanding existing training opportuni-
12 ties.

13 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
14 should be submitted in unclassified form, and may include
15 a classified annex in accordance with the protection of in-
16 telligence sources and methods.

17 **SEC. 3. POLICY AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO**
18 **COUNTER TERRORISTS' AND TERRORIST OR-**
19 **GANIZATIONS' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
22 transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
23 port that contains a comprehensive strategy to counter
24 terrorists' and terrorist organizations' use of social media,
25 as committed to in the President's 2011 "Strategic Imple-

1 mentation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to Pre-
2 vent Violent Extremism in the United States”.

3 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
4 should be submitted in unclassified form, and may include
5 a classified annex in accordance with the protection of in-
6 telligence sources and methods.

7 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
8 **FINED.**

9 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
11 Committee on the Armed Services, the Committee on
12 Homeland Security, the Committee on the Judiciary, and
13 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
15 Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, the Com-
16 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,
17 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Select Committee
18 on Intelligence of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives December 16,
2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.