

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5471

AN ACT

To combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Countering Terrorist Radicalization Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—AMPLIFYING LOCAL EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT TERROR

Sec. 101. Countering violent extremism training.

Sec. 102. Countering violent extremism assessment.

Sec. 103. Department-sponsored clearances.

Sec. 104. Definitions.

TITLE II—COUNTERMESSAGING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 201. Directive.

TITLE III—COUNTERTERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 301. Department of Homeland Security Counterterrorism Advisory Board.

TITLE IV—PROHIBITION ON NEW FUNDING

Sec. 401. Prohibition on new funding.

6 **TITLE I—AMPLIFYING LOCAL**
7 **EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT TERROR**

8 **SEC. 101. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM TRAINING.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF TRAINING.—The Secretary
10 of Homeland Security is authorized to provide training for
11 personnel, including Department of Homeland Security
12 personnel, State, local, tribal, and territorial representa-
13 tives at State and major urban area fusion centers for the
14 purpose of administering community awareness briefings
15 and related activities in furtherance of the Department’s
16 efforts to counter violent extremism, identify and report
17 suspicious activities, and increase awareness of and more

1 quickly identify terrorism threats, including the travel or
2 attempted travel of individuals from the United States to
3 support a foreign terrorist organization (as such term is
4 described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
5 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) abroad.

6 (b) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, in
7 providing the training under subsection (a), the Secretary
8 shall coordinate with the heads of other Federal agencies
9 engaged in community outreach related to countering vio-
10 lent extremism and shall also coordinate with such agen-
11 cies in the administration of related activities, including
12 community awareness briefings.

13 **SEC. 102. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ASSESSMENT.**

14 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with appro-
17 priate State, local, tribal, and territorial representatives,
18 shall assess the efforts of the Department of Homeland
19 Security to support countering violent extremism at the
20 State, local, tribal, and territorial levels. Such assessment
21 shall include each of the following:

22 (1) A cataloging of departmental efforts to as-
23 sist State, local, tribal, and territorial governments
24 in countering violent extremism.

1 (2) A review of cooperative agreements between
2 the Department and such governments relating to
3 countering violent extremism.

4 (3) An evaluation of departmental plans and
5 any potential opportunities to better support such
6 governments that are in furtherance of the Depart-
7 ment's countering violent extremism objectives and
8 are consistent with all relevant constitutional, legal,
9 and privacy protections.

10 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 150
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and con-
12 sistent with the protection of classified information, the
13 Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appro-
14 priate congressional committees the findings of the assess-
15 ment required under subsection (a) together with any re-
16 lated information regarding best practices for countering
17 violent extremism at the State, local, tribal, and territorial
18 levels.

19 **SEC. 103. DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED CLEARANCES.**

20 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
22 notify the appropriate congressional committees of the
23 number of employees of State, local, tribal, and territorial
24 governments with security clearances sponsored by the
25 Department of Homeland Security. Such notification shall

1 include a detailed list of the agencies that employ such
2 employees, the level of clearance held by such employees,
3 and whether such employees are assigned as representa-
4 tives to State and major urban area fusion centers.

5 **SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this title:

7 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
10 and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
11 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

12 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs and the Select Com-
14 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

15 (2) The term “violent extremism” means ideo-
16 logically motivated international terrorism or domes-
17 tic terrorism, as such terms are defined in section
18 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

19 **TITLE II—COUNTERMESSAGING**
20 **TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**

21 **SEC. 201. DIRECTIVE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
23 rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-
24 partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist
25 recruitment and communications the public testimonials

1 of former violent extremists or their associates, including
 2 friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

3 (1) Countermessaging of foreign terrorist orga-
 4 nization communications and narratives.

5 (2) Related community engagement and public
 6 education efforts.

7 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
 8 curity shall, where appropriate, coordinate the efforts de-
 9 scribed in subsection (a) with the heads of other Federal
 10 departments and agencies, as appropriate, and, to the ex-
 11 tent practicable, engage nongovernmental and inter-
 12 national partners in the identification and use of
 13 testimonials described in such subsection.

14 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 15 tion may be construed to require the Secretary of Home-
 16 land Security to collect testimonials directly from former
 17 violent extremists or their associates, including friends and
 18 family.

19 **TITLE III—COUNTERTERRORISM** 20 **ADVISORY BOARD**

21 **SEC. 301. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY** 22 **COUNTERTERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the end of subtitle A of title
 24 II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121
 25 et seq.) insert the following new section:

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

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
4 a board to be composed of senior representatives of de-
5 partmental operational components and headquarters ele-
6 ments. The purpose of the board shall be to coordinate
7 and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and
8 policy related to the counterterrorism mission and func-
9 tions of the Department.

10 “(b) CHARTER.—There shall be a charter to govern
11 the structure and mission of the board. Such charter shall
12 direct the board to focus on the current threat environ-
13 ment and the importance of aligning departmental
14 counterterrorism activities under the Secretary’s guidance.
15 The charter shall be reviewed and updated every 4 years,
16 as appropriate.

17 “(c) MEMBERS.—

18 “(1) CHAIR.—The Secretary shall appoint a
19 Coordinator for Counterterrorism within the Depart-
20 ment who will serve as the chair of the board.

21 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Secretary
22 shall appoint additional members of the board from
23 among the following:

24 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-
25 istration.

1 “(B) United States Customs and Border
2 Protection.

3 “(C) United States Immigration and Cus-
4 toms Enforcement.

5 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
6 Agency.

7 “(E) The Coast Guard.

8 “(F) United States Citizenship and Immi-
9 gration Services.

10 “(G) The United States Secret Service.

11 “(H) The National Protection and Pro-
12 grams Directorate.

13 “(I) The Office of Operations Coordina-
14 tion.

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

16 “(K) The Office of Intelligence and Anal-
17 ysis.

18 “(L) The Office of Policy.

19 “(M) The Science and Technology Direc-
20 torate.

21 “(N) Other Departmental offices and pro-
22 grams as determined appropriate by the Sec-
23 retary.

24 “(d) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet on a regular
25 basis to discuss intelligence and coordinate ongoing threat

1 mitigation efforts and departmental activities, including
2 coordination with other Federal, State, local, tribal, terri-
3 torial, and private sector partners, and shall make rec-
4 ommendations to the Secretary.

5 “(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The board shall advise
6 the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts pursuant
7 to section 203 of this Act.

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

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
12 the item relating to section 210F the following new item:

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

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through
15 the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, shall submit to the
16 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
18 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the
19 status and activities of the board established under section
20 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added
21 by subsection (a).

1 **TITLE IV—PROHIBITION ON NEW**
2 **FUNDING**

3 **SEC. 401. PROHIBITION ON NEW FUNDING.**

4 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
5 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
6 by this Act.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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