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H. R. 3284

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. DONOVAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Joint Counterterrorism
5 Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORK-**
2 **SHOP SERIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Security
4 Act (6 U.S.C. 311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 529. JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORK-**
7 **SHOP SERIES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in consulta-
9 tion with the Director of the National Counterterrorism
10 Center and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
11 tigation, shall establish a Joint Counterterrorism Aware-
12 ness Workshop Series (in this section referred to as the
13 ‘Workshop Series’) to address emerging terrorist threats
14 and to enhance the ability of State and local jurisdictions
15 to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from
16 terrorist attacks.

17 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Workshop Series established
18 under subsection (a) shall include the following compo-
19 nents:

20 “(1) Reviewing existing preparedness, response,
21 and interdiction plans, policies, and procedures re-
22 lated to terrorist attacks of the participating juris-
23 dictions and identifying gaps in such plans, oper-
24 ational capabilities, response resources, and authori-
25 ties.

1 “(2) Identifying Federal, State, and local re-
2 sources available to address the gaps identified in
3 accordance with paragraph (1).

4 “(3) Providing assistance, through training, ex-
5 ercises, and other means, to build or sustain, as ap-
6 propriate, the capabilities to close such identified
7 gaps.

8 “(4) Examining the roles and responsibilities of
9 participating agencies and respective communities in
10 the event of a terrorist attack.

11 “(5) Improving situational awareness and infor-
12 mation sharing among all participating agencies in
13 the event of a terrorist attack.

14 “(6) Identifying and sharing best practices and
15 lessons learned from each Workshop Series estab-
16 lished under subsection (a).

17 “(c) DESIGNATION OF PARTICIPATING CITIES.—The
18 Administrator shall select jurisdictions to host a Workshop
19 Series from those cities that—

20 “(1) are currently receiving, or that previously
21 received, funding under section 2003; and

22 “(2) have requested to be considered.

23 “(d) WORKSHOP SERIES PARTICIPANTS.—Individ-
24 uals from State and local jurisdictions and emergency re-
25 sponse providers in cities designated under subsection (c)

1 shall be eligible to participate in the Workshop Series, in-
2 cluding the following:

3 “(1) Senior elected and appointed officials.

4 “(2) Law enforcement.

5 “(3) Fire and Rescue.

6 “(4) Emergency management.

7 “(5) Emergency Medical Services.

8 “(6) Public health officials.

9 “(7) Private sector representatives.

10 “(8) Other participants as deemed appropriate
11 by the Administrator.

12 “(e) REPORTS.—

13 “(1) WORKSHOP SERIES REPORT.—The Admin-
14 istrator, in consultation with the Director of the Na-
15 tional Counterterrorism Center, the Director of the
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and officials from
17 the city in which a Workshop Series is held, shall de-
18 velop and submit to all of the agencies participating
19 in such Workshop Series a report after the conclu-
20 sion of each such Workshop Series that addresses
21 the following:

22 “(A) Key findings about lessons learned
23 and best practices from each such Workshop
24 Series.

1 “(B) Potential mitigation strategies and
2 resources to address gaps identified during each
3 such Workshop Series.

4 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one
5 year after the date of the enactment of this section
6 and annually thereafter for the next seven years, the
7 Administrator, in consultation with the Director of
8 the National Counterterrorism Center and the Di-
9 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall
10 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
11 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
12 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
13 Senate a comprehensive summary report of the key
14 themes, lessons learned, and best practices identified
15 during the Workshop Series held during the previous
16 year.

17 “(f) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-
18 propriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this section.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
21 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
22 528 the following new item:

“Sec. 529. Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series.”.

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