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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish
a Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series,
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 “Joint Counterterrorism
3 Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORK-**
5 **SHOP SERIES.**

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

9 **“SEC. 529. JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORK-**
10 **SHOP SERIES.**

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

20 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Workshop Series established
21 under subsection (a) shall include the following compo-
22 nents:

23 “(1) Reviewing existing preparedness, response,
24 and interdiction plans, policies, and procedures re-
25 lated to terrorist attacks of the participating juris-
26 dictions and identifying gaps in such plans, oper-

1 ational capabilities, response resources, and authori-
2 ties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 “(2) have requested to be considered.

1 “(d) WORKSHOP SERIES PARTICIPANTS.—Individ-
2 uals from State and local jurisdictions and emergency re-
3 sponse providers in cities designated under subsection (c)
4 shall be eligible to participate in the Workshop Series, in-
5 cluding the following:

6 “(1) Senior elected and appointed officials.

7 “(2) Law enforcement.

8 “(3) Fire and Rescue.

9 “(4) Emergency management.

10 “(5) Emergency Medical Services.

11 “(6) Public health officials.

12 “(7) Private sector representatives.

13 “(8) Other participants as deemed appropriate
14 by the Administrator.

15 “(e) REPORTS.—

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

1 “(A) Key findings about lessons learned
2 and best practices from each such Workshop
3 Series.

4 “(B) Potential mitigation strategies and
5 resources to address gaps identified during each
6 such Workshop Series.

7 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year
8 after the date of the enactment of this section and
9 annually thereafter for the next 5 years, the Admin-
10 istrator, in consultation with the Director of the Na-
11 tional Counterterrorism Center and the Director of
12 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall submit to
13 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
14 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
15 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
16 comprehensive summary report of the key themes,
17 lessons learned, and best practices identified during
18 the Workshop Series held during the previous year.

19 “(f) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-
20 propriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
21 through 2022 to carry out this section.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
23 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is

1 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
2 528 the following new item:

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

Passed the House of Representatives September 14,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.