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115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3284

[Report No. 115-284]

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

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## 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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mrs. DEMINGS and Mr. KING of New York

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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 “Joint Counterterrorism  
5 Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORK-**  
7 **SHOP SERIES.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Security  
9 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311 et seq.) is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 529. JOINT COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORK-**  
12 **SHOP SERIES.**

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

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

1           “(1) Reviewing existing preparedness, response,  
2           and interdiction plans, policies, and procedures re-  
3           lated to terrorist attacks of the participating juris-  
4           dictions and identifying gaps in such plans, oper-  
5           ational capabilities, response resources, and authori-  
6           ties.

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

10           “(3) Providing assistance, through training, ex-  
11           ercises, and other means, to build or sustain, as ap-  
12           propriate, the capabilities to close such identified  
13           gaps.

14           “(4) Examining the roles and responsibilities of  
15           participating agencies and respective communities in  
16           the event of a terrorist attack.

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

20           “(6) Identifying and sharing best practices and  
21           lessons learned from each Workshop Series estab-  
22           lished under subsection (a).

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

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

3           “(2) have requested to be considered.

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

9           “(1) Senior elected and appointed officials.

10          “(2) Law enforcement.

11          “(3) Fire and Rescue.

12          “(4) Emergency management.

13          “(5) Emergency Medical Services.

14          “(6) Public health officials.

15          “(7) Private sector representatives.

16          “(8) Other participants as deemed appropriate  
17          by the Administrator.

18          “(e) REPORTS.—

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

1 sion of each such Workshop Series that addresses  
2 the following:

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

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

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

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

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
25 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.”.

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