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To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. VELA, and Ms. MENG) 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 “DHS Overseas Per-
5 sonnel Enhancement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL BRIEFING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-
8 mission of the comprehensive three-year strategy required
9 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328), the Sec-

1 retary of Homeland Security shall brief the Committee on
2 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
4 Affairs of the Senate regarding Department of Homeland
5 Security personnel with primary duties that take place
6 outside of the United States.

7 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefing required under
8 subsection (a) shall include the following:

9 (1) A detailed summary of each type of per-
10 sonnel position with primary duties that take place
11 outside of the United States and how each such po-
12 sition contributes to the Department of Homeland
13 Security’s counterterrorism mission.

14 (2) Information related to how the geographic
15 and regional placement of such positions contributes
16 to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.

17 (3) Information related to the position-specific
18 training received by such personnel before and dur-
19 ing placement at a foreign location.

20 (4) Challenges that may impede the commu-
21 nication of counterterrorism information between
22 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-
23 partment entities in the United States, including
24 technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

1 **SEC. 3. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ENHANCEMENT PLAN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall sub-
4 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
5 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
6 mental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the effec-
7 tiveness of Department of Homeland Security personnel
8 at foreign locations.

9 (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan referred to in
10 subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

11 (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland
12 Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,
13 for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity
14 development and furthering the Department’s
15 counterterrorism mission;

16 (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-
17 sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United
18 States;

19 (3) enhance collaboration among Department
20 personnel at foreign locations, other Federal per-
21 sonnel at foreign locations, and foreign partners;
22 and

23 (4) improve the communication of counterter-
24 rorism information between Department personnel
25 at foreign locations and Department entities in the

- 1 United States, including to address technical, re-
- 2 source, and administrative challenges.

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