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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the position of Chief Data Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Texas (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) 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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHIEF DATA OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **HOMELAND SECURITY.**

3 Section 703 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
4 (6 U.S.C. 343) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(c) CHIEF DATA OFFICER.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Information Of-
8 ficer shall designate a career appointee (as such
9 term is defined in section 3132 of title 5, United
10 States Code) of the Department as the Chief Data
11 Officer of the Department.

12 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Chief Data Officer
13 shall possess demonstrated training and experience
14 in the management, governance, generation, collec-
15 tion, protection, analysis, use, and sharing of data,
16 including the protection and de-identification of per-
17 sonally identifiable information.

18 “(3) FUNCTIONS.—The Chief Data Officer
19 shall be responsible for the following:

20 “(A) Ensuring that the Department con-
21 forms with data management best practices rec-
22 ognized across industry and the Federal Gov-
23 ernment.

24 “(B) Coordinating the organization and in-
25 tegration of data across the Department for im-

1 proved interoperability, analysis, and decision-
2 making.

3 “(C) Reviewing the impact of the infra-
4 structure of the Department regarding data in-
5 tegrity and interoperability.

6 “(D) Coordinating the release of data for
7 public use following appropriate privacy reviews
8 within the Department, as coordinated with the
9 Chief Privacy Officer.

10 “(E) Promoting the use of modern data
11 systems to improve Department operations.

12 “(F) Coordinating the storage of Depart-
13 ment records in accordance with the National
14 Archives and Records Administration’s General
15 Records Schedules.

16 “(G) Coordinating with appropriate offi-
17 cials of the Department, including the Chief
18 Privacy Officer, component privacy officers,
19 component Chief Data Officers, and program
20 managers, regarding the use of data within
21 their respective components and under their au-
22 thorities.

23 “(H) Serving as the liaison to other Fed-
24 eral agencies and the Office of Management

1 and Budget on data and the best way to use ex-
2 isting Department data for statistical purposes.

3 “(4) COMPONENT CHIEF DATA OFFICERS.—The
4 heads of each operational component of the Depart-
5 ment shall designate a career appointee (as such
6 term is defined in section 3132 of title 5, United
7 States Code) from each such component of the De-
8 partment as the Chief Data Officer of their respec-
9 tive component. Each such component Chief Data
10 Officer shall—

11 “(A) have the qualifications described
12 under subsection (c)(2); and

13 “(B) coordinate with and assist the Chief
14 Data Officer of the Department in the imple-
15 mentation of the functions specified in subpara-
16 graphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (3) for
17 their respective component.

18 “(5) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this subsection and pe-
20 riodically thereafter as necessary, the Secretary shall
21 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
22 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
23 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
24 Senate a report on the implementation of this sub-

1 section, including any concerns regarding such im-
2 plementation.”.

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