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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 4698****[Report No. 118–215]**

To authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2024

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italie*]**A BILL**

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Homeland Security, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Joint Task
5 Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 708 OF THE HOMELAND**
2 **SECURITY ACT OF 2002.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 708(b) of the Homeland
4 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (9)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (ii) in clause (iii)(II), by adding “and”
10 at the end; and

11 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(iv) a staffing plan for each Joint
14 Task Force;”; and

15 (B) by amending subparagraph (C) to read
16 as follows:

17 “(C) not later than December 23, 2024,
18 and annually thereafter, submit to the commit-
19 tees specified in subparagraph (B) a report con-
20 taining information regarding—

21 “(i) the progress in implementing the
22 outcome-based and other appropriate per-
23 formance metrics established pursuant to
24 subparagraph (A)(iii);

1 “(ii) the staffing plan developed for
 2 each Joint Task Force pursuant to sub-
 3 paragraph (A)(iv); and

4 “(iii) any modification to the mission,
 5 strategic goals, and objectives of each
 6 Joint Task Force, and a description of,
 7 and rationale for, any such modifica-
 8 tions.”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (13), by striking “2024” and
 10 inserting “~~2029~~ 2026”.

11 (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
 13 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
 14 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
 15 brief—

16 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
 17 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

18 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
 19 and Transportation of the Senate;

20 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
 21 of the House of Representatives; and

22 (D) the Committee on Transportation and
 23 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

24 (2) TOPICS.—Each briefing required under
 25 paragraph (1) shall cover the latest staffing and re-

1 source assessment at Joint Task Force-East, includ-
2 ing—

3 (A)(i) a determination of whether the cur-
4 rent staffing levels of Joint Task Force-East
5 are sufficient to successfully advance the mis-
6 sion, strategic goals, and objectives of such
7 Joint Task Force; and

8 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-
9 cient staffing levels, the cost, timeline, and
10 strategy for increasing such staffing levels; and

11 (B)(i) a determination of whether suffi-
12 cient resources are being provided for Joint
13 Task Force-East in accordance with section
14 708(b)(7)(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
15 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)(7)(a)); and

16 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-
17 cient resource levels, the cost, timeline, and
18 strategy for providing any remaining resource
19 requirements.

20 (c) REPORT ON JOINT TASK FORCE-EAST HEAD-
21 QUARTERS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
23 rity, in consultation with the Commandant of the United
24 States Coast Guard, the Commissioner for U.S. Customs
25 and Border Protection, the Director of U.S. Immigration

1 and Customs Enforcement, and the Administrator of Gen-
2 eral Services, shall submit a report to the congressional
3 committees listed in subsection (b)(1) that analyzes the
4 cost and effectiveness of hosting the Joint Task Force-
5 East headquarters in Portsmouth, Virginia compared to
6 alternative headquarters locations.

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