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H. R. 4297

To require a report on counterintelligence training for high-risk diplomatic posts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Protecting American
5 Diplomats Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON COUNTERINTELLIGENCE TRAINING**
7 **FOR HIGH-RISK DIPLOMATIC POSTS.**

8 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 120 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

1 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
2 Foreign Relations of the Senate a report evaluating the
3 quality and adequacy of counterintelligence (CI) training
4 provided to Department of State personnel assigned to
5 high-risk diplomatic posts.

6 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
7 subsection (a) shall include the following:

8 (1) A description of the content, frequency, and
9 delivery format, such as in-person, virtual, or sce-
10 nario-based, of CI training programs offered to per-
11 sonnel at high-risk overseas posts.

12 (2) An explanation of how CI training is tai-
13 lored to specific regional or country-level threat envi-
14 ronments.

15 (3) An identification of which categories of De-
16 partment personnel, including Foreign Service Offi-
17 cers, Diplomatic Security Service agents, and locally
18 employed staff, are required or eligible to receive
19 such training.

20 (4) An assessment of interagency coordination
21 in the development and delivery of CI training.

22 (5) A review of any known capability gaps or
23 deficiencies in CI preparedness among deployed per-
24 sonnel.

1 (6) Recommendations for improving CI training
2 standards, content, or delivery to strengthen the De-
3 partment's overall CI posture.

4 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-
5 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
6 include a classified annex as necessary.

7 (d) SUNSET.—The requirements of this section shall
8 terminate on the date that is two years after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act.

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