

Public Law 116–64  
116th Congress

An Act

Oct. 9, 2019  
[H.R. 1590]

To require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes.

Terrorist and  
Foreign Fighter  
Travel Exercise  
Act of 2019.  
6 USC 701 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2019”.

Coordination.

**SEC. 2. EXERCISE ON TERRORIST AND FOREIGN FIGHTER TRAVEL.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to, or as part of exercise programs currently carried out by the Department of Homeland Security, to enhance domestic preparedness for and collective response to terrorism, promote the dissemination of homeland security information, and test the security posture of the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security, through appropriate offices and components of the Department and in coordination with the heads of appropriate Federal departments and agencies, shall develop and conduct an exercise related to the detection and prevention of terrorist and foreign fighter travel.

(b) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—The exercise required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a scenario involving—

(A) persons traveling from the United States to join or provide material support or resources to a terrorist organization abroad; and

(B) terrorist infiltration into the United States, including by United States citizens and foreign nationals;

(2) coordination with appropriate Federal departments and agencies, foreign governments, and State, local, Tribal, and territorial agencies, including law enforcement agencies and representatives from the National Network of Fusion Centers; and

(3) coordination with appropriate private sector and community stakeholders.

Plans.  
Proposals.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the completion of the exercise required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the protection of classified information, submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate an after-action report presenting the initial findings of such exercise, plans for quickly incorporating lessons learned into future operations of the

Department of Homeland Security, and any proposed legislative changes informed by such exercise.

(d) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “material support or resources” has the meaning given such term in section 2339A of title 18, United States Code.

**SEC. 3. EMERGING THREATS IN THE NATIONAL EXERCISE PROGRAM.**

Clause (i) of section 648(b)(2)(A) of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 748(b)(2)) is amended by inserting “and emerging” after “credible”.

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