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H. R. 3490

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening State
3 and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COMPUTER**
5 **FORENSICS INSTITUTE OF THE DEPARTMENT**
6 **OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title VIII of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 381 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 822. NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the De-
12 partment a National Computer Forensics Institute (in this
13 section referred to as the ‘Institute’), to be operated by
14 the United States Secret Service, for the dissemination of
15 homeland security information related to the investigation
16 and prevention of cyber and electronic crime and related
17 threats to educate, train, and equip State, local, tribal,
18 and territorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and
19 judges.

20 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Institute
21 shall include the following:

22 “(1) Educating State, local, tribal, and terri-
23 torial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and
24 judges on current—

25 “(A) cyber and electronic crimes and re-
26 lated threats;

1 “(B) methods for investigating cyber and
2 electronic crime and related threats and con-
3 ducting computer and mobile device forensic ex-
4 aminations; and

5 “(C) prosecutorial and judicial challenges
6 related to cyber and electronic crime and re-
7 lated threats, and computer and mobile device
8 forensic examinations.

9 “(2) Training State, local, tribal, and territorial
10 law enforcement officers to—

11 “(A) conduct cyber and electronic crime
12 and related threat investigations;

13 “(B) conduct computer and mobile device
14 forensic examinations; and

15 “(C) respond to network intrusion inci-
16 dents.

17 “(3) Training State, local, tribal, and territorial
18 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on
19 methods to obtain, process, store, and admit digital
20 evidence in court.

21 “(c) PRINCIPLES.—In carrying out the functions
22 under subsection (b), the Institute shall ensure, to the ex-
23 tent practicable, that timely, actionable, and relevant ex-
24 pertise and homeland security information related to cyber
25 and electronic crime and related threats is shared with

1 State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement offi-
2 cers, prosecutors, and judges.

3 “(d) EQUIPMENT.—The Institute is authorized to
4 provide State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement
5 officers, prosecutors, and judges with computer equip-
6 ment, hardware, software, manuals, and tools necessary
7 to conduct cyber and electronic crime and related threats
8 investigations and computer and mobile device forensic ex-
9 aminations.

10 “(e) ELECTRONIC CRIME TASK FORCES.—The Insti-
11 tute shall facilitate the expansion of the Secret Service’s
12 network of Electronic Crime Task Forces through the ad-
13 dition of task force officers of State, local, tribal, and ter-
14 ritorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges
15 educated and trained at the Institute, in addition to aca-
16 demia and private sector stakeholders.

17 “(f) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-
18 MENT TRAINING CENTER.—The Institute shall seek op-
19 portunities to coordinate with the Federal Law Enforce-
20 ment Training Center within the Department to help en-
21 hance, to the extent practicable, the training provided by
22 the Center to stakeholders, including by helping to ensure
23 that such training reflects timely, actionable, and relevant
24 expertise in homeland security information related to
25 cyber and electronic crime and related threats.”.

1 (b) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—No additional funds
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
3 and the amendment made by this Act. This Act and such
4 amendment shall be carried out using amounts otherwise
5 available for such purposes.

6 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
7 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-
8 serting after the item relating to section 821 the following
9 new item:

“Sec. 822. National Computer Forensics Institute.”

Passed the House of Representatives November 30,
2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.