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Governmental Affairs

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## AN ACT

To require an annual homeland threat assessment, 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 “Homeland Threat As-  
3 sessment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL HOMELAND THREAT ASSESSMENTS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Home-  
6 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.) is amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 210G. HOMELAND THREAT ASSESSMENTS.**

9       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after  
10 the date of the enactment of this section and for each of  
11 the next 5 fiscal years (beginning in the fiscal year that  
12 begins after the date of the enactment of this section) the  
13 Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Intel-  
14 ligence and Analysis, and using departmental information,  
15 including component information, and information pro-  
16 vided through State and major urban area fusion centers,  
17 shall conduct an assessment of the terrorist threat to the  
18 homeland.

19       “(b) CONTENTS.—Each assessment under subsection  
20 (a) shall include the following:

21               “(1) Empirical data assessing terrorist activi-  
22 ties and incidents over time in the United States, in-  
23 cluding terrorist activities and incidents planned or  
24 supported by persons outside of the United States  
25 targeting the homeland.

1           “(2) An evaluation of current terrorist tactics,  
2           as well as ongoing and possible future changes in  
3           terrorist tactics.

4           “(3) An assessment of criminal activity encoun-  
5           tered or observed by officers or employees of compo-  
6           nents in the field which is suspected of financing ter-  
7           rorist activity.

8           “(4) Detailed information on all individuals de-  
9           nied entry to or removed from the United States as  
10          a result of material support provided to a foreign  
11          terrorist organization (as such term is used in sec-  
12          tion 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
13          U.S.C. 1189)).

14          “(5) The efficacy and spread of foreign ter-  
15          rorist organization propaganda, messaging, or re-  
16          cruitment.

17          “(6) An assessment of threats, including cyber  
18          threats, to the homeland, including to critical infra-  
19          structure and Federal civilian networks.

20          “(7) An assessment of current and potential  
21          terrorism and criminal threats posed by individuals  
22          and organized groups seeking to unlawfully enter the  
23          United States.

1           “(8) An assessment of threats to the transpor-  
2           tation sector, including surface and aviation trans-  
3           portation systems.

4           “(c) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The assessments  
5           required under subsection (a)—

6           “(1) shall, to the extent practicable, utilize ex-  
7           isting component data collected from the field; and

8           “(2) may incorporate relevant information and  
9           analysis from other agencies of the Federal Govern-  
10          ment, agencies of State and local governments (in-  
11          cluding law enforcement agencies), as well as the  
12          private sector, disseminated in accordance with  
13          standard information sharing procedures and poli-  
14          cies.

15          “(d) FORM.—The assessments required under sub-  
16          section (a) shall be shared with the appropriate congres-  
17          sional committees and submitted in classified form, but—

18               “(1) shall include unclassified summaries; and

19               “(2) may include unclassified annexes, if appro-  
20          priate.”.

21          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d) of  
22          section 201 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
23          U.S.C. 121) is amended by adding at the end the following  
24          new paragraph:

1           “(27) To carry out section 210G (relating to  
2       homeland threat assessments).”.

3       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
4 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-  
5 serting after the item relating to section 210F the fol-  
6 lowing new item:

“Sec. 210G. Homeland threat assessments.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 12,  
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*