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AN ACT

To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas
personnel enhancement plan, 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 Overseas Per-
5 sonnel Enhancement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL BRIEFING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-
8 mission of the comprehensive 3-year strategy required

1 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization
2 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every
3 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security
4 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
6 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-
7 garding Department of Homeland Security personnel with
8 primary duties that take place outside of the United
9 States.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefing required under
11 subsection (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) A detailed summary of each type of per-
13 sonnel position with primary duties that take place
14 outside of the United States and how each such po-
15 sition contributes to the Department of Homeland
16 Security’s counterterrorism mission.

17 (2) Information related to how the geographic
18 and regional placement of such positions contributes
19 to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.

20 (3) Information related to the position-specific
21 training received by such personnel before and dur-
22 ing placement at a foreign location.

23 (4) Challenges that may impede the commu-
24 nication of counterterrorism information between
25 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-

1 partment entities in the United States, including
2 technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

3 (5) The status of efforts to implement the
4 strategy referred to in subsection (a).

5 (6) The status of efforts (beginning with the
6 second briefing required under this section) to imple-
7 ment the enhancement plan under section 3.

8 **SEC. 3. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ENHANCEMENT PLAN.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall sub-
11 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
12 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
13 mental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the effec-
14 tiveness of Department of Homeland Security personnel
15 at foreign locations.

16 (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan referred to in
17 subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

18 (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland
19 Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,
20 for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity
21 development and furthering the Department’s
22 counterterrorism mission;

23 (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-
24 sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United
25 States;

1 (3) enhance collaboration among Department
2 personnel at foreign locations, other Federal per-
3 sonnel at foreign locations, and foreign partners;

4 (4) improve the communication of counterter-
5 rorism information between Department personnel
6 at foreign locations and Department entities in the
7 United States, including to address technical, re-
8 source, and administrative challenges; and

9 (5) maintain practices to guard against
10 counter-espionage threats associated with Depart-
11 ment personnel.

12 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

13 The briefing requirement under section 2 shall termi-
14 nate on the date that is 4 years after the submission of
15 the strategy referred to in such section.

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