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AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of certain officers and intelligence analysts from the Transportation Security Administration and the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to locations with participating State, local, and regional fusion centers in jurisdictions with a high-risk surface transportation asset in order to enhance the security of such assets, including by improving timely sharing of classified information regarding terrorist and other threats, 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 “Strengthening Local
5 Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR STAKE-
9 HOLDERS.—The term “public and private sector
10 stakeholders” has the meaning given such term in
11 section 114(u)(1)(C) of title 49, United States Code.

12 (2) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSET.—The
13 term “surface transportation asset” includes facili-
14 ties, equipment, or systems used to provide transpor-
15 tation services by—

16 (A) a public transportation agency (as
17 such term is defined in section 1402(5) of the
18 Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11
19 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53;
20 6 U.S.C. 1131(5)));

21 (B) a railroad carrier (as such term is de-
22 fined in section 20102(3) of title 49, United
23 States Code);

24 (C) an owner or operator of—

(i) an entity offering scheduled, fixed-route transportation services by over-the-road bus (as such term is defined in section 1501(4) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53; 6 U.S.C. 1151(4))); or

(ii) a bus terminal; or

(D) other transportation facilities, equipment, or systems, as determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. THREAT INFORMATION SHARING.

(a) PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall prioritize the assignment of officers and intelligence analysts under section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h) from the Transportation Security Administration and, as appropriate, from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security, to locations with participating State, local, and regional fusion centers in jurisdictions with a high-risk surface transportation asset in order to enhance the security of such assets, including by improving timely sharing of classified information regarding terrorist and other threats.

1 (b) INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS.—Officers and intel-
2 ligence analysts assigned to locations with participating
3 State, local, and regional fusion centers under this section
4 shall participate in the generation and dissemination of
5 transportation security intelligence products, with an em-
6 phasis on terrorist and other threats to surface transpor-
7 tation assets that—

8 (1) assist State, local, and Tribal law enforce-
9 ment agencies in deploying their resources, including
10 personnel, most efficiently to help detect, prevent,
11 investigate, apprehend, and respond to terrorist and
12 other threats;

13 (2) promote more consistent and timely sharing
14 of threat information among jurisdictions; and

15 (3) enhance the Department of Homeland Secu-
16 rity’s situational awareness of such terrorist and
17 other threats.

18 (c) CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
19 rity shall make available to appropriate owners and opera-
20 tors of surface transportation assets, and to any other per-
21 son that the Secretary determines appropriate to foster
22 greater sharing of classified information relating to ter-
23 rorist and other threats to surface transportation assets,
24 the process of application for security clearances under
25 Executive Order No. 13549 (75 Fed. Reg. 162; relating

1 to a classified national security information program) or
2 any successor Executive order.

3 **SEC. 4. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TRAINING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity, in consultation with public and private sector stake-
6 holders, may develop, through the Federal Law Enforce-
7 ment Training Centers, a training program to enhance the
8 protection, preparedness, and response capabilities of law
9 enforcement agencies with respect to terrorist and other
10 threats at a surface transportation asset.

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Secretary of Homeland
12 Security develops the training program described in sub-
13 section (a), such training program shall—

14 (1) be informed by current information regard-
15 ing terrorist tactics;

16 (2) include tactical instruction tailored to the
17 diverse nature of the surface transportation asset
18 operational environment; and

19 (3) prioritize training officers from law enforce-
20 ment agencies that are eligible for or receive grants
21 under sections 2003 or 2004 of the Homeland Secu-
22 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604 and 605) and offi-

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
Clerk.