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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Overseas Per-
3 sonnel Enhancement Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL BRIEFING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-
6 mission of the comprehensive 3-year strategy required
7 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every
9 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security
10 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
11 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
12 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-
13 garding Department of Homeland Security personnel with
14 primary duties that take place outside of the United
15 States.

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefings required under
17 subsection (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) A detailed summary of, and deployment
19 schedule for, each type of personnel position with
20 primary duties that take place outside of the United
21 States and how each such position contributes to the
22 Department of Homeland Security’s counterter-
23 rorism mission.

24 (2) Information related to how the geographic
25 and regional placement of such positions contributes
26 to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.

1 (3) Information related to any risk mitigation
2 plans for each geographic and regional placement,
3 including to address counter-intelligence risks.

4 (4) Information regarding the costs of deploy-
5 ing or maintaining personnel at each geographic and
6 regional placement, including information on any
7 cost-sharing agreement with foreign partners to
8 cover a portion or all the costs relating to such de-
9 ployment or maintenance.

10 (5) Maintain and enhance practices to guard
11 against counter-espionage and counter-intelligence
12 threats, including cyber threats, associated with De-
13 partment personnel.

14 (6) Information regarding trends in foreign ef-
15 forts to influence such personnel while deployed
16 overseas to contribute to the Department's counter-
17 terrorism mission.

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

21 (8) Challenges that may impede the commu-
22 nication of counterterrorism information between
23 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-
24 partment entities in the United States, including
25 technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

1 (9) The status of efforts to implement the
2 strategy referred to in subsection (a).

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

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 first briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall
9 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
10 House and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
11 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the ef-
12 fectiveness of Department of Homeland Security per-
13 sonnel at foreign locations.

14 (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan required under
15 subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

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

21 (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-
22 sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United
23 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.

Passed the House of Representatives June 10, 2019.

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Clerk.