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[Report No. 115-]

To require counterterrorism information sharing coordination, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KATKO, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. RUTHERFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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coordination, 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 “Counterterrorism In-

5 formation Sharing Improvement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. COUNTERTERRORISM INFORMATION SHARING CO-**
7 **ORDINATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting through the
9 Secretary of Homeland Security, shall ensure that, for
10 counterterrorism purposes, the Department of the Home-
11 land Security has access to biographic and biometric data
12 collected by the United States Government on individuals
13 associated with a terrorist organization.

14 (b) COORDINATION.—The President shall direct the
15 heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies to co-
16 ordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security to mini-
17 mize and overcome any administrative, technical, capacity,
18 or classification challenges to carrying out subsection (a).

19 (c) PROTECTIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
20 curity shall ensure that all relevant laws, rules, and proce-
21 dures, including the section 552(a) of title 5, United
22 States Code (commonly referred to as the “Privacy Act”
23 or the “Privacy Act of 1974”), regarding classification lev-
24 els and civil rights and civil liberties are followed while
25 seeking to carry out subsection (a).

1 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
4 of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the pro-
5 tection of classified information, submit to the Com-
6 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
8 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report
9 on the implementation of this section.

10 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include a description of how the
12 data referred to in subsection (a) is utilized for De-
13 partment of Homeland Security screening and vet-
14 ting purposes and any challenges associated with in-
15 corporating such data into departmental screening
16 and vetting systems.