

# Union Calendar No. 176

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5681

[Report No. 117-246]

To authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O’odham Nation as special agents, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2021

Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Additional sponsors: Mr. COLE, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. MULLIN, Mr.  
GALLEGO, and Mr. YOUNG

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Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security; 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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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 “Shadow Wolves En-  
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECLASSIFICATION OF SHADOW WOLVES AS GS-**  
7 **1811 SPECIAL AGENTS.**

8 The Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs En-  
9 forcement is authorized—

10 (1) to reclassify the GS–1801 tactical enforce-  
11 ment officers (commonly known as “Shadow  
12 Wolves”) assigned to the Homeland Security Inves-  
13 tigation tactical patrol unit operating on the lands  
14 of the Tohono O’odham Nation, as of the date of the  
15 enactment of this Act, as GS–1811 special agents,  
16 upon the successful completion of—

17 (A) the Federal Law Enforcement Train-  
18 ing Center’s Criminal Investigator Training  
19 Program; and

20 (B)(i) Customs Basic Enforcement School,  
21 if the officer was hired before March 2003; or

22 (ii) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-  
23 forcement Homeland Security Investigations  
24 Special Agent Training, if the officer was hired  
25 during or after March 2003;

1           (2) to classify any Shadow Wolves who are as-  
2           signed to the unit referred to in paragraph (1) after  
3           such date of enactment as GS–1811 special agents  
4           upon the successful completion of the training de-  
5           scribed in paragraph (1); and

6           (3) to classify as GS–1811 special agents upon  
7           the successful completion of the training described in  
8           paragraph (1) any Shadow Wolves who are hired as  
9           part of a comparable unit (regardless of location) es-  
10          tablished after such date of enactment with the ap-  
11          proval and consent of the appropriate Indian tribe.

12 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF SHADOW WOLVES PROGRAM.**

13          Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
14          ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
15          submit to the Comptroller General of the United States,  
16          the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
17          Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Homeland  
18          Security of the House of Representatives a strategy for—

19               (1) retaining existing Shadow Wolves;

20               (2) recruiting new Shadow Wolves; and

21               (3) expanding comparable units referred to in  
22          section 2(3) to appropriate areas near the inter-  
23          national border between the United States and Can-  
24          ada or the international border between the United

1 States and Mexico, with the approval and consent of  
2 the appropriate Indian tribe.

3 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT.**

4 Not later than 1 year after receiving the strategy re-  
5 quired under section 3 and annually thereafter for the fol-  
6 lowing two years, the Comptroller General of the United  
7 States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
8 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-  
9 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-  
10 tives—

11 (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of such  
12 strategy; and

13 (2) any recommendations for improvements to  
14 the strategy that the Comptroller General deter-  
15 mines to be appropriate.

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