AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2789

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "American Cooperation
3	with Our Neighbors Act".
4	SEC. 2. SUBNATIONAL COOPERATION STRATEGY.
5	(a) In General.—Not later than 270 days after the
6	date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
7	in coordination with the Administrator of the United
8	States Agency for International Development, shall submit
9	to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
10	resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
11	the Senate a strategy on efforts to strengthen subnational
12	cooperation between the United States and Mexico for the
13	purposes of—
14	(1) enhancing law enforcement cooperation and
15	local, State, and Federal security forces cooperation
16	at a subnational level for the purpose of curbing
17	fentanyl trafficking and other synthetic opioids, in-
18	cluding activities such as—

1	(A) bolstering technical assistance and co-
2	ordination for law enforcement agencies and
3	local, State, and Federal security forces;
4	(B) carrying out exchange programs for
5	the purposes of professional development; and
6	(C) enhancing data sharing, as appro-
7	priate;
8	(2) bolstering subnational dialogue and capacity
9	building between Federal and local governments,
10	civil society, faith-based organizations, and business
11	community leaders and integrating issues faced by
12	local communities, including with respect to traf-
13	ficking of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; and
14	(3) strengthening capacity building and provide
15	resources for border towns and organizations within
16	those towns that attempt to meet the needs of local
17	communities.
18	(b) UPDATE.—Not later than 2 years after the date
19	of the submission of the strategy under subsection (a), the
20	President shall submit to the congressional committees
21	specified in subsection (a) an update containing an assess-
22	ment of the implementation and effectiveness of the strat-
23	egy, lessons learned from the past year with respect to
24	the strategy, and planned changes to the strategy.

1	(c) FORM.—The strategy under subsection (a), and
2	the update under subsection (b), shall be submitted in un-
3	classified form.
4	SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW OF ACCESS TO FI-
5	NANCE IN CARICOM MEMBER STATES.
6	(a) Review.—The Secretary of State, in consultation
7	with the Secretary of Treasury, shall conduct a review to
8	determine any steps, balancing costs and benefits, that the
9	Secretaries could take to expand financial access to the
10	member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), $$
11	including through a review of—
12	(1) sanctions enforcement laws and compliance
13	standards;
14	(2) reporting requirements pertaining to nar-
15	cotics trafficking and illicit finance thereof;
16	(3) possible expansion of embassies and con-
17	sulates in the region; and
18	(4) programming or lack thereof pertaining to
19	access to capital in the region.
20	(b) Report.—The Secretary shall submit to the ap-
21	propriate congressional committees a report on the find-
22	ings of the Secretary pertaining to the review under sub-
23	section (a).

l	(c) Appropriate Congressional Committees De-
2	FINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congres-
3	sional committees" means—
4	(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
5	Committee on Financial Services of the House of
5	Representatives; and
7	(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
8	the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
9	fairs of the Senate.

