

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4263
Mr. Palazzo
OFFERED BY ~~MRS. BROOKS OF INDIANA~~
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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 “Social Media Working
3 Group Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
6 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 318. SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
10 lish within the Department a social media working group
11 (in this section referred to as the ‘Group’).

12 “(b) PURPOSE.—In order to enhance information
13 sharing between the Department and appropriate stake-
14 holders, the Group shall provide guidance and best prac-
15 tices to the emergency preparedness and response commu-
16 nity on the use of social media technologies before, during,
17 and after a terrorist attack or other emergency.

18 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for
2 Science and Technology shall serve as the permanent
3 chairperson of the Group, and shall designate, on a
4 rotating basis, a representative from a State or local
5 government who is a member of the Group to serve
6 as co-chairperson. The Under Secretary shall estab-
7 lish term limits for individuals appointed to the
8 Group pursuant to paragraph (2). Membership of
9 the Group shall be composed of a cross section of
10 subject matter experts from Federal, State, local,
11 tribal, and nongovernmental organization practi-
12 tioners, including representatives from the following
13 entities:

14 “(A) The Office of Public Affairs of the
15 Department.

16 “(B) The Office of the Chief Information
17 Officer of the Department.

18 “(C) The Privacy Office of the Depart-
19 ment.

20 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
21 Agency.

22 “(E) The Office of Disability Integration
23 and Coordination of the Federal Emergency
24 Management Agency.

25 “(F) The American Red Cross.

1 “(G) The Forest Service.

2 “(H) The Centers for Disease Control and
3 Prevention.

4 “(I) The United States Geological Survey.

5 “(J) The National Oceanic and Atmos-
6 pheric Administration.

7 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Under Sec-
8 retary for Science and Technology shall appoint, on
9 a rotating basis, qualified individuals to the Group.
10 The total number of such additional members
11 shall—

12 “(A) be equal to or greater than the total
13 number of regular members under paragraph
14 (1); and

15 “(B) include—

16 “(i) not fewer than three representa-
17 tives from the private sector; and

18 “(ii) representatives from—

19 “(I) State, local, and tribal enti-
20 ties, including from—

21 “(aa) law enforcement;

22 “(bb) fire services;

23 “(cc) emergency manage-
24 ment services; and

25 “(dd) public health entities;

1 “(II) universities and academia;
2 and
3 “(III) non-profit disaster relief
4 organizations.

5 “(d) CONSULTATION WITH NON-MEMBERS.—To the
6 extent practicable, the Group shall work with existing bod-
7 ies in the public and private sectors to carry out subsection
8 (b).

9 “(e) MEETINGS.—

10 “(1) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 90
11 days after the date of the enactment of this section,
12 the Group shall hold its initial meeting. Such initial
13 meeting may be held virtually.

14 “(2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the initial
15 meeting under paragraph (1), the Group shall meet
16 at least twice each year, or at the call of the Chair-
17 person. Such subsequent meetings may be held vir-
18 tually.

19 “(f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal
20 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply
21 to the Group.

22 “(g) REPORTS.—Not later than March 30 of each
23 year, the Group shall submit to the appropriate congres-
24 sional committees a report that includes the following:

1 “(1) A review of current and emerging social
2 media technologies being used to support prepared-
3 ness and response activities related to terrorist at-
4 tacks and other emergencies.

5 “(2) A review of best practices and lessons
6 learned on the use of social media during the re-
7 sponse to terrorist attacks and other emergencies
8 that occurred during the period covered by the re-
9 port at issue.

10 “(3) Recommendations to improve the Depart-
11 ment’s use of social media for emergency manage-
12 ment purposes.

13 “(4) Recommendations to improve public
14 awareness of the type of information disseminated
15 through social media, and how to access such infor-
16 mation, during a terrorist attack or other emer-
17 gency.

18 “(5) Recommendations to improve information
19 sharing among the Department and its components.

20 “(6) Recommendations to improve information
21 sharing among State and local governments.

22 “(7) A review of available training for Federal,
23 State, local, and tribal officials on the use of social
24 media in response to a terrorist attack or other
25 emergency.

1 “(8) A summary of coordination efforts with
2 the private sector to discuss and resolve legal, oper-
3 ational, technical, privacy, and security concerns.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
5 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
6 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
7 317 the following new item:

“Sec. 318. Social media working group.”.

