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**H. R.** 4780

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy for Department of Homeland Security operations abroad, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy for Department of Homeland Security operations abroad, 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 “Department of Home-  
5 land Security Strategy for International Programs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR INTERNATIONAL**  
2 **PROGRAMS FOR VETTING AND SCREENING**  
3 **PERSONS SEEKING TO ENTER THE UNITED**  
4 **STATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
7 land Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland  
8 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
9 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
10 of the Senate a comprehensive three-year strategy for  
11 international programs of the Department of Homeland  
12 Security in which personnel and resources of the Depart-  
13 ment are deployed abroad for vetting and screening of per-  
14 sons seeking to enter the United States.

15 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-  
16 section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

17 (1) Specific Department of Homeland Security  
18 risk-based goals for international programs of the  
19 Department in which personnel and resources of the  
20 Department are deployed abroad for vetting and  
21 screening of persons seeking to enter the United  
22 States.

23 (2) A risk-based method for determining wheth-  
24 er to establish new international programs in new lo-  
25 cations, given resource constraints, or expand exist-  
26 ing international programs of the Department, in

1       which personnel and resources of the Department  
2       are deployed abroad for vetting and screening of  
3       persons seeking to enter the United States.

4           (3) Alignment with the highest Department-  
5       wide and Government-wide strategic priorities of re-  
6       source allocations on international programs of the  
7       Department in which personnel and resources of the  
8       Department are deployed abroad for vetting and  
9       screening of persons seeking to enter the United  
10      States.

11          (4) A common reporting framework for the sub-  
12      mission of reliable, comparable cost data by compo-  
13      nents of the Department on overseas expenditures  
14      attributable to international programs of the De-  
15      partment in which personnel and resources of the  
16      Department are deployed abroad for vetting and  
17      screening of persons seeking to enter the United  
18      States.

19      (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the strategy re-  
20      quired under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland  
21      Security shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

22          (1) Information on existing operations of inter-  
23      national programs of the Department of Homeland  
24      Security in which personnel and resources of the De-  
25      partment are deployed abroad for vetting and

1 screening of persons seeking to enter the United  
2 States that includes corresponding information for  
3 each location in which each such program operates.

4 (2) The number of Department personnel de-  
5 ployed to each location at which an international  
6 program referred to in subparagraph (A) is in oper-  
7 ation during the current and preceding fiscal year.

8 (3) Analysis of the impact of each international  
9 program referred to in paragraph (1) on domestic  
10 activities of components of the Department of  
11 Homeland Security.

12 (4) Analysis of barriers to the expansion of an  
13 international program referred to in paragraph (1).

14 (d) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection  
15 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form by may contain  
16 a classified annex if the Secretary of Homeland Security  
17 determines that such is appropriate.