

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5206
OFFERED BY MS. MCSALLY OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Office of Biometric
3 Identity Management Authorization Act of 2018” or the
4 “OBIM Authorization Act of 2018”.

**5 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF BIOMETRIC
6 IDENTITY MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-
8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et. seq.) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following new section:

10 “SEC. 710. OFFICE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTITY MANAGEMENT.

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Office of Biometric
12 Identity Management is established within the Manage-
13 ment Directorate of the Department.

14 “(b) DIRECTOR.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Biometric
16 Identity Management shall be administered by the
17 Director of the Office of Biometric Identity Manage-
18 ment (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’)

1 who shall report to the Secretary, or to another offi-
2 cial of the Department, as the Secretary may direct.

3 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.—The Di-
4 rector shall—

5 “(A) have significant professional manage-
6 ment experience, as well as experience in the
7 field of biometrics and identity management;

8 “(B) lead the Department’s biometric iden-
9 tity services to support anti-terrorism, counter-
10 terrorism, border security, credentialing, na-
11 tional security, and public safety;

12 “(C) enable operational missions across the
13 Department by receiving, matching, storing,
14 sharing, and analyzing biometric and associated
15 biographic and encounter data;

16 “(D) deliver biometric identity information
17 and analysis capabilities to—

18 “(i) the Department and its compo-
19 nents;

20 “(ii) appropriate Federal, State, local,
21 and tribal agencies;

22 “(iii) appropriate foreign govern-
23 ments; and

24 “(iv) appropriate private sector enti-
25 ties;

1 “(E) support the law enforcement, public
2 safety, national security, and homeland security
3 missions of other Federal, State, local, and trib-
4 al agencies, as appropriate;

5 “(F) manage the operation of the Depart-
6 ment’s primary biometric repository and identi-
7 fication system;

8 “(G) manage Biometric Support Centers
9 to provide biometric identification and
10 verification analysis and services to the Depart-
11 ment, appropriate Federal, State, local, and
12 tribal agencies, appropriate foreign govern-
13 ments, and appropriate private sector entities;

14 “(H) oversee the implementation of De-
15 partment-wide standards for biometric con-
16 formity, and work to make such standards Gov-
17 ernment-wide;

18 “(I) in coordination with the Department’s
19 Office of Policy, and in consultation with rel-
20 evant component offices and headquarters of-
21 fices, enter into data sharing agreements with
22 appropriate Federal, State, local, and foreign
23 agencies to support immigration, law enforce-
24 ment, national security, and public safety mis-
25 sions;

1 “(J) maximize interoperability with other
2 Federal, State, local, and foreign biometric sys-
3 tems, as appropriate; and

4 “(K) carry out other duties and powers
5 prescribed by law or delegated by the Secretary.

6 “(c) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—There shall be in the Of-
7 fice of Biometric Identity Management a Deputy Director,
8 who shall assist the Director in the management of the
9 Office.

10 “(d) OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may establish
12 such other offices within the Office of Biometric
13 Identity Management as the Director determines
14 necessary to carry out the missions, duties, func-
15 tions, and authorities of the Office.

16 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the Director exercises
17 the authority provided by paragraph (1), the Direc-
18 tor shall notify the Committee on Homeland Secu-
19 rity of the House of Representatives and the Com-
20 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
21 fairs of the Senate not later than 30 days before ex-
22 ercising such authority.”.

23 “(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
24 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is

1 amended by adding after the item relating to section 709

2 the following new item:

“Sec. 710. Office of Biometric Identity Management.”.

