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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KATKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “DHS Overseas Per-  
5 sonnel Enhancement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL BRIEFING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-  
8 mission of the comprehensive 3-year strategy required  
9 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every  
2 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
3 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
4 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-  
5 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-  
6 garding Department of Homeland Security personnel with  
7 primary duties that take place outside of the United  
8 States.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefings required under  
10 subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) A detailed summary of each type of per-  
12 sonnel position with primary duties that take place  
13 outside of the United States and how each such po-  
14 sition contributes to the Department of Homeland  
15 Security’s counterterrorism mission.

16 (2) Information related to how the geographic  
17 and regional placement of such positions contributes  
18 to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.

19 (3) Information related to the position-specific  
20 training received by such personnel before and dur-  
21 ing placement at a foreign location.

22 (4) Challenges that may impede the commu-  
23 nication of counterterrorism information between  
24 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-

1       partment entities in the United States, including  
2       technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

3           (5) The status of efforts to implement the  
4       strategy referred to in subsection (a).

5           (6) The status of efforts (beginning with the  
6       second briefing required under this section) to imple-  
7       ment the enhancement plan under section 3.

8       **SEC. 3. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ENHANCEMENT PLAN.**

9           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
10      first briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall  
11      submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
12      House and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
13      ernmental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the ef-  
14      fectiveness of Department of Homeland Security per-  
15      sonnel at foreign locations.

16          (b) **PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**—The plan required under  
17      subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

18           (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland  
19      Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,  
20      for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity  
21      development and furthering the Department's  
22      counterterrorism mission;

23           (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-  
24      sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United  
25      States;

1           (3) enhance collaboration among Department  
2           personnel at foreign locations, other Federal per-  
3           sonnel at foreign locations, and foreign partners;

4           (4) improve the communication of  
5           counterterrorism information between Department  
6           personnel at foreign locations and Department enti-  
7           ties in the United States, including to address tech-  
8           nical, resource, and administrative challenges; and

9           (5) maintain practices to guard against  
10          counter-espionage threats associated with Depart-  
11          ment personnel.

12 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

13          The briefing requirement under section 2 shall termi-  
14          nate on the date that is four years after the submission  
15          of the strategy referred to in such section.