

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4263
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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. Membership of the Group shall be
7 composed of a cross section of subject matter ex-
8 perts from Federal, State, local, tribal, and non-
9 governmental organization practitioners, including
10 representatives from the following entities:

11 “(A) The Office of Public Affairs of the
12 Department.

13 “(B) The Office of the Chief Information
14 Officer of the Department.

15 “(C) The Privacy Office of the Depart-
16 ment.

17 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
18 Agency.

19 “(E) The American Red Cross.

20 “(F) The United States Forest Service.

21 “(G) The Centers for Disease Control and
22 Prevention.

23 “(H) The United States Geological Survey.

24 “(I) The National Oceanic and Atmos-
25 pheric Administration.

1 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Under Sec-
2 retary for Science and Technology shall appoint, on
3 a rotating basis, qualified individuals to the Group.
4 The total number of such additional members
5 shall—

6 “(A) be equal to or greater than the total
7 number of regular members under paragraph
8 (1); and

9 “(B) include—

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

12 “(ii) representatives from—

13 “(I) State, local, and tribal enti-
14 ties, including from—

15 “(aa) law enforcement;

16 “(bb) fire services;

17 “(cc) emergency manage-
18 ment services; and

19 “(dd) public health entities;

20 “(II) universities and academia;

21 and

22 “(III) non-profit disaster relief
23 organizations.

24 “(d) CONSULTATION WITH NON-MEMBERS.—To the
25 extent practicable, the Group shall work with existing bod-

1 ies in the public and private sectors to carry out subsection
2 (b).

3 “(e) MEETINGS.—

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

8 “(2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the initial
9 meeting under paragraph (1), the Group shall meet
10 at least twice each year, or at the call of the Chair-
11 person. Such subsequent meetings may be held vir-
12 tually.

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

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

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

23 “(2) A review of best practices and lessons
24 learned on the use of social media during the re-
25 sponse to terrorist attacks and other emergencies

1 that occurred during the period covered by the re-
2 port at issue.

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

6 “(4) Recommendations to improve information
7 sharing among the Department and its components.

8 “(5) Recommendations to improve information
9 sharing among State and local governments.

10 “(6) A review of available training for Federal,
11 State, local, and tribal officials on the use of social
12 media in response to a terrorist attack or other
13 emergency.

14 “(7) A summary of coordination efforts with
15 the private sector to discuss and resolve legal, oper-
16 ational, technical, privacy, and security concerns.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
19 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
20 317 the following new item:

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

