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To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKMr. McCAUL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. VELA, and Ms. MENG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 6, 2017]

A BILL

To require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, 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 “DHS Overseas Personnel*
5 *Enhancement Act of 2017”.*

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

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-*
8 *mission of the comprehensive three-year strategy required*
9 *under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization*
10 *Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every*
11 *180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security*
12 *shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the*
13 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland*
14 *Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate regarding*
15 *Department of Homeland Security personnel with primary*
16 *duties that take place outside of the United States.*

17 *(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The briefing required under*
18 *subsection (a) shall include the following:*

19 *(1) A detailed summary of each type of personnel*
20 *position with primary duties that take place outside*
21 *of the United States and how each such position con-*
22 *tributes to the Department of Homeland Security’s*
23 *counterterrorism mission.*

1 (2) *Information related to how the geographic*
2 *and regional placement of such positions contributes*
3 *to the Department's counterterrorism mission.*

4 (3) *Information related to the position-specific*
5 *training received by such personnel before and during*
6 *placement at a foreign location.*

7 (4) *Challenges that may impede the communica-*
8 *tion of counterterrorism information between Depart-*
9 *ment personnel at foreign locations and Department*
10 *entities in the United States, including technical, re-*
11 *source, and administrative challenges.*

12 (5) *The status of efforts to implement the strat-*
13 *egy referred to in subsection (a).*

14 (6) *The status of efforts (beginning with the sec-*
15 *ond briefing required under this section) to imple-*
16 *ment the enhancement plan under section 3.*

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

18 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*
19 *briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall submit*
20 *to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House and*
21 *the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental*
22 *Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the effectiveness of*
23 *Department of Homeland Security personnel at foreign lo-*
24 *cations.*

1 (b) *PLAN REQUIREMENTS.*—*The plan referred to in*
2 *subsection (a) shall include proposals to—*

3 (1) *improve efforts of Department of Homeland*
4 *Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,*
5 *for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity de-*
6 *velopment and furthering the Department’s counter-*
7 *terrorism mission;*

8 (2) *as appropriate, redeploy Department per-*
9 *sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United*
10 *States;*

11 (3) *enhance collaboration among Department*
12 *personnel at foreign locations, other Federal personnel*
13 *at foreign locations, and foreign partners;*

14 (4) *improve the communication of counterter-*
15 *rorism information between Department personnel at*
16 *foreign locations and Department entities in the*
17 *United States, including to address technical, re-*
18 *source, and administrative challenges; and*

19 (5) *maintain practices to guard against counter-*
20 *espionage threats associated with Department per-*
21 *sonnel.*

22 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

23 *The briefing requirement under section 2 shall termi-*
24 *nate on the date that is four years after the submission of*
25 *the strategy referred to in such section.*