

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2590, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2590

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2019

Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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

1 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization  
2 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every  
3 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
4 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-  
6 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-  
7 garding Department of Homeland Security personnel with  
8 primary duties that take place outside of the United  
9 States.

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

12 (1) A detailed summary of, and deployment  
13 schedule for, each type of personnel position with  
14 primary duties that take place outside of the United  
15 States and how each such position contributes to the  
16 Department of Homeland Security’s counterter-  
17 rorism mission.

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

21 (3) Information related to any risk mitigation  
22 plans for each geographic and regional placement,  
23 including to address counter-intelligence risks.

24 (4) Information regarding the costs of deploy-  
25 ing or maintaining personnel at each geographic and

1 regional placement, including information on any  
2 cost-sharing agreement with foreign partners to  
3 cover a portion or all the costs relating to such de-  
4 ployment or maintenance.

5 (5) Maintain and enhance practices to guard  
6 against counter-espionage and counter-intelligence  
7 threats, including cyber threats, associated with De-  
8 partment personnel.

9 (6) Information regarding trends in foreign ef-  
10 forts to influence such personnel while deployed  
11 overseas to contribute to the Department's counter-  
12 terrorism mission.

13 (7) Information related to the position-specific  
14 training received by such personnel before and dur-  
15 ing placement at a foreign location.

16 (8) Challenges that may impede the commu-  
17 nication of counterterrorism information between  
18 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-  
19 partment entities in the United States, including  
20 technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

21 (9) The status of efforts to implement the  
22 strategy referred to in subsection (a).

23 (10) The status of efforts (beginning with the  
24 second briefing required under this section) to imple-  
25 ment the enhancement plan under section 3.

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

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
3 first briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall  
4 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
5 House and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
6 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the ef-  
7 fectiveness of Department of Homeland Security per-  
8 sonnel at foreign locations.

9 (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan required under  
10 subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

11 (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland  
12 Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,  
13 for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity  
14 development and furthering the Department's  
15 counterterrorism mission;

16 (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-  
17 sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United  
18 States;

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

22 (4) improve the communication of counterter-  
23 rorism information between Department personnel  
24 at foreign locations and Department entities in the  
25 United States, including to address technical, re-  
26 source, and administrative challenges; and

1           (5) maintain practices to guard against  
2 counter-espionage threats associated with Depart-  
3 ment personnel.

4 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

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