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# H. R. 5099

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a fusion center technical assistance program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Mr. ESTES of Kansas (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. GALLAGHER) 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 “Enhancing DHS’ Fu-  
5 sion Center Technical Assistance Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUSION CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
7 **GRAM.**

8 Section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
9 (6 U.S.C. 124h) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as  
2 subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
4 lowing new subsection (j):

5       “(j) FUSION CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
6 GRAM.—

7           “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in con-  
8 sultation with officials from the National Network of  
9 Fusion Centers and, to the greatest extent prac-  
10 ticable, other relevant stakeholders, shall establish a  
11 fusion center technical assistance program.

12           “(2) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—In carrying out  
13 the fusion center technical assistance program estab-  
14 lished under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

15           “(A) provide technical assistance to fusion  
16 centers regarding—

17                   “(i) grants administered under sec-  
18 tions 2003 and 2004;

19                   “(ii) terrorism prevention activities;  
20 and

21                   “(iii) intelligence and information  
22 sharing;

23           “(B) provide to fusion centers notice of  
24 any changes to the activities referred to in sub-  
25 paragraph (A);

1                   “(C) make available best practices regard-  
2                   ing—  
3                   “(i) fusion center operations;  
4                   “(ii) information sharing and analysis  
5                   of homeland security threats, including  
6                   cyber threats;  
7                   “(iii) protecting privacy, civil rights,  
8                   and civil liberties; and  
9                   “(iv) such other best practices as the  
10                  Secretary determines appropriate; and  
11                  “(D) carry out such other activities as the  
12                  Secretary determines appropriate.”.

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