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AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Overseas Per-
3 sonnel Enhancement Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL BRIEFING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after sub-
6 mission of the comprehensive 3-year strategy required
7 under section 1910 of the National Defense Authorization
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) and every
9 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security
10 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
11 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
12 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-
13 garding Department of Homeland Security personnel with
14 primary duties that take place outside of the United
15 States.

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

18 (1) A detailed summary of each type of per-
19 sonnel position with primary duties that take place
20 outside of the United States and how each such po-
21 sition contributes to the Department of Homeland
22 Security’s counterterrorism mission.

23 (2) Information related to how the geographic
24 and regional placement of such positions contributes
25 to the Department’s counterterrorism mission.

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

4 (4) Challenges that may impede the commu-
5 nication of counterterrorism information between
6 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-
7 partment entities in the United States, including
8 technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

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

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

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

15 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
16 briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall sub-
17 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
18 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
19 mental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the effec-
20 tiveness of Department of Homeland Security personnel
21 at foreign locations.

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

24 (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland
25 Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,

1 for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity
2 development and furthering the Department's
3 counterterrorism mission;

4 (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-
5 sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United
6 States;

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

10 (4) improve the communication of counterter-
11 rorism information between Department personnel
12 at foreign locations and Department entities in the
13 United States, including to address technical, re-
14 source, and administrative challenges; and

15 (5) maintain practices to guard against
16 counter-espionage threats associated with Depart-
17 ment personnel.

1 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

2 The briefing requirement under section 2 shall termi-
3 nate on the date that is 4 years after the submission of
4 the strategy referred to in such section.

 Passed the House of Representatives January 10,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.