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116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION S. 2513

[Report No. 116-175]

To provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

September 19, 2019

Ms. Hassan (for herself and Mr. Lee) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DECEMBER 16, 2019
Reported by Mr. Johnson, with an amendment
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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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.

- This Act may be cited as the "Reporting Efficiently
- 3 to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of 2019"
- 4 or the "REPORT Act".

5 SEC. 2. DUTY TO REPORT.

- 6 (a) Duty Imposed.—Except as provided in sub-
- 7 section (c), whenever an act of terrorism occurs in the
- 8 United States, it shall be the duty of the primary Govern-
- 9 ment agency investigating such act to submit, in collabora-
- 10 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attor-
- 11 ney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
- 12 tigation, and, as appropriate, the Director of the National
- 13 Counterterrorism Center, an unclassified report (which
- 14 may be accompanied by a classified annex) to Congress
- 15 concerning such act not later than 1 year after the comple-
- 16 tion of the investigation. Reports required under this sub-
- 17 section may be combined into a quarterly report to Con-
- 18 gress.
- 19 (b) CONTENT OF REPORTS.—Each report under this
- 20 section shall include—
- 21 (1) a statement of the facts of the act of ter-
- 22 rorism referred to in subsection (a), as known at the
- 23 time of the report;
- 24 (2) an explanation of any gaps in national secu-
- 25 rity that could be addressed to prevent future acts
- of terrorism;

- 1 (3) any recommendations for additional meas-2 ures that could be taken to improve homeland secu-3 rity, including potential changes in law enforcement 4 practices or changes in law, with particular attention 5 to changes that could help prevent future acts of ter-6 rorism; and
- 7 (4) a summary of the report for public distribu-8 tion.

(c) Exception.—

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- (1) IN GENERAL.—The duty established under subsection (a) shall not apply in instances in which the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the head of the National Counterterrorism Center determines that the information required to be reported could jeopardize an ongoing investigation or prosecution.
- (2) Notification requirement.—In each instance described in paragraph (1), the principal making a determination under such paragraph shall notify Congress of such determination not later than 1 year after the completion of the related investigation described in subsection (a).
- 24 (d) Defined Term.—In this section, the term "act 25 of terrorism" means an act of domestic terrorism or inter-

- 1 national terrorism (as such terms are defined in section
- 2 2331 of title 18, United States Code).
- 3 (e) Sunset.—This section shall cease to be effective be-
- 4 ginning on the date that is 5 years after the date of the
- 5 enactment of this Act.

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