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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

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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

# A BILL

- To provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, 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 TITLES.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Reporting Efficiently

5 to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of 2019"

6 or the "REPORT Act".

### 7 SEC. 2. DUTY TO REPORT.

8 (a) DUTY IMPOSED.—Except as provided in sub-9 section (c), whenever an act of terrorism occurs in the

United States, it shall be the duty of the primary Govern-1 2 ment agency investigating such act to submit, in collabora-3 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attor-4 ney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-5 tigation, and, as appropriate, the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, an unclassified report (which 6 7 may be accompanied by a classified annex) to Congress 8 concerning such act not later than 1 year after the comple-9 tion of the investigation. Reports required under this sub-10 section may be combined into a quarterly report to Con-11 gress.

12 (b) CONTENT OF REPORTS.—Each report under this13 section shall include—

14 (1) a statement of the facts of the act of ter15 rorism referred to in subsection (a), as known at the
16 time of the report;

17 (2) an explanation of any gaps in national secu18 rity that could be addressed to prevent future acts
19 of terrorism;

20 (3) any recommendations for additional meas21 ures that could be taken to improve homeland secu22 rity, including potential changes in law enforcement
23 practices or changes in law, with particular attention
24 to changes that could help prevent future acts of ter25 rorism; and

(4) a summary of the report for public distribu tion.

3 (c) EXCEPTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The duty established under 5 subsection (a) shall not apply in instances in which 6 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney 7 General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-8 vestigation, or the head of the National Counterter-9 rorism Center determines that the information re-10 quired to be reported could jeopardize an ongoing in-11 vestigation 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).

(d) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term "act
of terrorism" means an act of domestic terrorism or international terrorism (as such terms are defined in section
2331 of title 18, United States Code).

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