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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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 briefing required under  
11 subsection (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) A detailed summary of each type of per-  
13 sonnel position with primary duties that take place  
14 outside of the United States and how each such po-  
15 sition contributes to the Department of Homeland  
16 Security’s counterterrorism mission.

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

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

23 (4) Challenges that may impede the commu-  
24 nication of counterterrorism information between  
25 Department personnel at foreign locations and De-

1       partment entities in the United States, including  
2       technical, resource, and administrative challenges.

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

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

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

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
10      briefing required under section 2, the Secretary shall sub-  
11      mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House  
12      and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
13      mental Affairs of the Senate a plan to enhance the effec-  
14      tiveness of Department of Homeland Security personnel  
15      at foreign locations.

16          (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan referred to in  
17      subsection (a) shall include proposals to—

18           (1) improve efforts of Department of Homeland  
19      Security personnel at foreign locations, as necessary,  
20      for purposes of providing foreign partner capacity  
21      development and furthering the Department’s  
22      counterterrorism mission;

23           (2) as appropriate, redeploy Department per-  
24      sonnel to respond to changing threats to the United  
25      States;

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

4           (4) improve the communication of counterter-  
5           rorism information between Department personnel  
6           at foreign locations and Department entities in the  
7           United States, including to address technical, re-  
8           source, and administrative challenges; and

9           (5) maintain practices to guard against  
10          counter-espionage threats associated with Depart-  
11          ment personnel.

12 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

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



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