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116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4432

[Report No. 116–309]

To require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a terrorism threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND (for himself and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

NOVEMBER 22, 2019

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 20, 2019]

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 “Protecting Critical In-*
5 *frastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DRONE AND EMERGING THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the*
8 *date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for Intel-*
9 *ligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Secu-*
10 *urity shall—*

11 *(1) in consultation with other relevant officials*
12 *of the Department, request additional information*
13 *from other agencies of the Federal Government, State*
14 *and local government agencies, and the private sector*
15 *relating to threats of unmanned aircraft systems and*
16 *other emerging threats associated with such new tech-*
17 *nologies;*

18 *(2) in consultation with relevant officials of the*
19 *Department and other appropriate agencies of the*
20 *Federal Government, develop and disseminate a secu-*
21 *rity threat assessment regarding unmanned aircraft*
22 *systems and other emerging threats associated with*
23 *such new technologies; and*

24 *(3) establish and utilize, in conjunction with the*
25 *Chief Information Officer of the Department and*

1 *other relevant entities, a secure communications and*
2 *information technology infrastructure, including*
3 *data-mining and other advanced analytical tools, in*
4 *order to access, receive, and analyze data and infor-*
5 *mation in furtherance of the responsibilities under*
6 *this section, including by establishing a voluntary*
7 *mechanism whereby critical infrastructure owners*
8 *and operators may report information on emerging*
9 *threats, such as the threat posed by unmanned air-*
10 *craft systems.*

11 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*
12 *of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for Intel-*
13 *ligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Secu-*
14 *rity shall prepare a threat assessment and report to the*
15 *Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-*
16 *resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and*
17 *Governmental Affairs of the Senate on the threat posed by*
18 *unmanned aircraft systems, including information collected*
19 *from critical infrastructure owners and operators and Fed-*
20 *eral, State, and local government agencies. Such assessment*
21 *and report shall also include a classified plan to mitigate*
22 *such threat, as appropriate.*

23 *(c) DEFINITIONS.—*

24 *(1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term*
25 *“critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such*

1 *term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42*
2 *U.S.C. 5195c(e)).*

3 (2) *UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term*
4 *“unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given*
5 *such term in section 331 of the FAA Modernization*
6 *and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note; Pub-*
7 *lic Law 112–95).*

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