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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “DHS Field Engage-
5 ment Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY WITH FUSION CENTERS.**

7 Section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
8 (6 U.S.C. 124h) is amended by—

1 (1) redesigning subsections (j) and (k) as sub-
2 sections (k) and (l), respectively; and

3 (2) inserting after subsection (i) the following
4 new subsection:

5 “(j) FUSION CENTER INFORMATION SHARING
6 STRATEGY.—Not later than one year after the date of the
7 enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall develop
8 and update at least once every five years a strategy for
9 Department engagement with fusion centers. Such strat-
10 egy shall be developed and updated in consultation with
11 the heads of intelligence components of the Department,
12 the Chief Privacy Officer of the Department, the Officer
13 for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department, of-
14 ficials of fusion centers, officers designated as Homeland
15 Security Advisors, and the heads of other relevant agen-
16 cies, as appropriate. Such strategy shall include the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(1) Specific goals and objectives for sharing
19 information and engaging with fusion centers—

20 “(A) through the direct deployment of per-
21 sonnel from intelligence components of the De-
22 partment;

23 “(B) through the use of Department un-
24 classified and classified information sharing
25 systems, including the Homeland Security In-

1 formation Sharing Network and the Homeland
2 Secure Data Network, or any successor sys-
3 tems; and

4 “(C) through any additional means.

5 “(2) The performance metrics to be used to
6 measure success in achieving the goals and objec-
7 tives referred to in paragraph (1).

8 “(3) A five-year plan for continued engagement
9 with fusion centers.”.

10 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS FIELD**
11 **PERSONNEL SUPPORT TO FUSION CENTERS.**

12 (a) PERFORMANCE METRICS.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
14 Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department
15 of Homeland Security shall—

16 (1) consider the effectiveness of existing proc-
17 esses to identify and prepare field personnel for de-
18 ployment to support fusion centers and internal
19 mechanisms to ensure oversight and accountability
20 of such field personnel, including field personnel as-
21 signed to one center and field personnel assigned to
22 multiple centers; and

23 (2) publish and disseminate performance
24 metrics, taking into account, as appropriate, regional
25 and threat diversity, for—

1 (A) field personnel from the Office of In-
2 telligence and Analysis assigned to an indi-
3 vidual fusion center;

4 (B) field personnel from the Office of In-
5 telligence and Analysis assigned to multiple fu-
6 sion centers; and

7 (C) regional Directors of the Office of In-
8 telligence and Analysis to ensure accountability
9 for monitoring all field personnel under the su-
10 pervision of such Regional Directors.

11 (b) TRAINING.—In consultation with the Chief Infor-
12 mation Officer of the Department of Homeland Security,
13 the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the
14 Department shall develop and implement a formalized
15 training module for fusion center personnel regarding the
16 classified Homeland Secure Data Network of the Depart-
17 ment, or any successor system.

18 (c) FUSION CENTER DEFINED.—In this section, the
19 term “fusion center” has the meaning given such term in
20 section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
21 U.S.C. 124h).

22 **SEC. 4. DHS COMPONENT USAGE OF THE HOMELAND SECU-**
23 **RITY INFORMATION NETWORK.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Intelligence

1 Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, in con-
2 sultation with the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
3 ment, shall—

4 (1) develop policies and metrics to ensure effec-
5 tive use by components of the Department of the
6 Department’s unclassified Homeland Security Infor-
7 mation Sharing Network, or any successor system;
8 and

9 (2) develop policies for posting unclassified
10 products on the Homeland Security Information
11 Sharing Network, or any successor system.

12 (b) TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENTS.—The Chief Infor-
13 mation Officer of the Department of Homeland Security,
14 in consultation with the Chief Intelligence Officer of the
15 Department, shall assess and implement, as appropriate,
16 technical enhancements to the Homeland Security Infor-
17 mation Sharing Network (HSIN) to improve usability, in-
18 cluding search functionality, data analysis, and collabora-
19 tion capabilities.

20 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

21 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
23 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and the
24 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House
25 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-

1 rity and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee
2 on Intelligence of the Senate a report on the implementa-
3 tion of the following:

4 (1) The fusion center information sharing strat-
5 egy required under subsection (j) of section 210A of
6 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
7 124h), as added by section 2 of this Act, based on
8 performance metrics developed pursuant to such
9 strategy.

10 (2) Field personnel deployed to fusion centers
11 (as such term is defined in section 210A of the
12 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h)) in
13 accordance with section 3, based on performance
14 metrics developed pursuant to such section.

15 (3) Policies that seek to ensure the effective use
16 of the Homeland Security Information Sharing Net-
17 work in accordance with section 4, based on the
18 metrics developed pursuant to such section.

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