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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend, on a temporary basis, An Act To authorize the District of Columbia government to establish an Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes, to formalize the establishment of the fusion center within the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, to designate the primary mission of the fusion center, and to designate the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and the fusion center as law enforcement entities for the purpose of carrying out the mission of the fusion center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this act may be cited as the “Homeland Security Fusion Center and Law Enforcement Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. An Act To authorize the District of Columbia government to establish an Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes, approved August 11, 1950 (64 Stat. 439; D.C. Official Code § 7-2201 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 3a to read as follows:

“Sec. 3a. Fusion center.

“(a) The Director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (“HSEMA”) shall, subject to the direction and control of the Mayor, establish a fusion center for the District within HSEMA. The fusion center for the District may, at the discretion of the

28 Mayor and the Director of HSEMA, also serve as the primary fusion center in the National  
29 Capital Region.”

30 “(b) The primary mission of the fusion center of the District is to receive, ~~and~~ coordinate  
31 and facilitate the sharing of resources, expertise, and information, including criminal history  
32 record information and law enforcement intelligence information among law enforcement, first  
33 responder, and criminal justice agencies, and to coordinate and integrate information, from such  
34 agencies, with the goal of detecting and preventing criminal ~~and terrorist~~ activity, such as  
35 terrorism, criminal conspiracy, bomb threats, possession of illegal firearms and explosives,  
36 identity theft, money laundering, ~~burglary~~ hate crimes, and organized crime, and for the purpose  
37 of investigating and responding to such activity.

38 “(c) The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency is designated a law  
39 enforcement agency, and the fusion center is designated a law enforcement unit, for the purposes  
40 of carrying out the functions set forth in subsection (b) of this section and for the purposes of  
41 receiving, analyzing, handling, and sharing criminal history record information and law  
42 enforcement intelligence information.

43 “(d) The fusion center of the District shall work in partnership with other state, local,  
44 regional, and federal fusion centers and with other state, local, regional, and federal law  
45 enforcement, criminal justice, and intelligence agencies.”

46 “(e) The fusion center of the District shall represent the District’s interests in the national  
47 network of fusion centers.”

48           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

49           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal  
50 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
51 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

52           Sec. 4. Effective date.

53           (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
54 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review  
55 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
56 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the  
57 District of Columbia Register.

58           (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.