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H. R. 4401

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide countering violent extremism training to Department of Homeland Security representatives at State and local fusion centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. KATKO, Mr. HURD of Texas, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. REICHERT, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. KEATING, Mr. VELA, and Mr. PAYNE) 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 “Amplifying Local Ef-
5 ferts to Root out Terror Act of 2016” or the “ALERT
6 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM TRAINING.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF TRAINING.—The Secretary
3 of Homeland Security is authorized to provide training for
4 personnel, including Department of Homeland Security
5 personnel, State, local, tribal, and territorial representa-
6 tives at State and major urban area fusion centers for the
7 purpose of administering community awareness briefings
8 and related activities in furtherance of the Department’s
9 efforts to counter violent extremism, identify and report
10 suspicious activities, and increase awareness of and more
11 quickly identify terrorism threats, including the travel or
12 attempted travel of individuals from the United States to
13 support a foreign terrorist organization (as such term is
14 described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
15 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) abroad.

16 (b) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, in
17 providing the training under subsection (a), the Secretary
18 shall coordinate with the heads of other Federal agencies
19 engaged in community outreach related to countering vio-
20 lent extremism and shall also coordinate with such agen-
21 cies in the administration of related activities, including
22 community awareness briefings.

23 **SEC. 3. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ASSESSMENT.**

24 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
26 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with appro-

1 priate State, local, tribal, and territorial representatives,
2 shall assess the efforts of the Department of Homeland
3 Security to support countering violent extremism at the
4 State, local, tribal, and territorial levels. Such assessment
5 shall include each of the following:

6 (1) A cataloging of departmental efforts to as-
7 sist State, local, tribal, and territorial governments
8 in countering violent extremism.

9 (2) A review of cooperative agreements between
10 the Department and such governments relating to
11 countering violent extremism.

12 (3) An evaluation of departmental plans and
13 any potential opportunities to better support such
14 governments that are in furtherance of the Depart-
15 ment's countering violent extremism objectives and
16 are consistent with all relevant constitutional, legal,
17 and privacy protections.

18 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 150
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and con-
20 sistent with the protection of classified information, the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appro-
22 priate congressional committees the findings of the assess-
23 ment required under subsection (a) together with any re-
24 lated information regarding best practices for countering

1 violent extremism at the State, local, tribal, and territorial
2 levels.

3 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED CLEARANCES.**

4 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
6 notify the appropriate congressional committees of the
7 number of employees of State, local, tribal, and territorial
8 governments with security clearances sponsored by the
9 Department of Homeland Security. Such notification shall
10 include a detailed list of the agencies that employ such
11 employees, the level of clearance held by such employees,
12 and whether such employees are assigned as representa-
13 tives to State and major urban area fusion centers.

14 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**

15 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
16 priated to carry out this Act. This Act shall be carried
17 out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appro-
18 priated or made available to the Department of Homeland
19 Security.

20 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
25 of the House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

3 (2) The term “violent extremism” means ideo-
4 logically motivated international terrorism or domes-
5 tic terrorism, as such terms are defined in section
6 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

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