

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5344

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2019

Mr. AGUILAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Preventing Radical Ex-  
5 tremist’s Violent Endeavors Now and Tomorrow Act of  
6 2019” or the “PREVENT Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN**  
2 **THEIR EFFORTS TO COUNTER VIOLENT EX-**  
3 **TREMIST THREATS.**

4 Subsection (b) of section 801 of the Homeland Secu-  
5 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 361) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after  
7 the semicolon at the end;

8 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at  
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
11 paragraph:

12 “(5) for the purposes of countering violent ex-  
13 tremist threats—

14 “(A) provide training from specially  
15 trained clinical social workers, psychologists, re-  
16 ligious leaders, community leaders, and law en-  
17 forcement personnel, to assist local efforts at  
18 securing the homeland; and

19 “(B) in coordination with the Federal Bu-  
20 reau of Investigation, provide to State and local  
21 governments specialists, analysts, and agents  
22 trained to counter terrorism and White nation-  
23 alism to assist, in the manner and degree nec-  
24 essary, local efforts at responding to such  
25 threats.”.