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H. R. 5589

To consolidate certain small diplomatic and consular posts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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 “Examine Overseas
5 Diplomatic Footprint Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATION OF SMALL DIPLOMATIC AND CON-**
7 **SULAR POSTS.**

8 (a) NEW EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES.—Prior to
9 initiating site selection for a diplomatic or consular post
10 that is expected to employ ten or fewer direct hire United

1 States Government employees on average for at least three
2 years after opening, the Secretary of State shall conduct
3 an analysis of options, including consolidating such pro-
4 posed post with other nearby diplomatic or consular posts.

5 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
6 conducting an analysis of options pursuant to subsection
7 (a), the Secretary of State shall notify the appropriate
8 congressional committees of the results of such analysis.

9 (c) EXISTING SMALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
10 POSTS.—The Secretary of State shall complete a cost-ben-
11 efit analysis for maintaining each diplomatic and consular
12 post that has employed ten or fewer direct hire United
13 States Government employees on average over the three
14 years prior to the date of the enactment of this Act. Each
15 such analysis shall include, at minimum, the following:

16 (1) The full cost of maintaining each such post.

17 (2) Any policy value or other value that United
18 States Government tenants derive from each such
19 post.

20 (3) Whether regular consular services, including
21 United States citizen services, are provided at each
22 such post.

23 (4) The nearest alternative location at which
24 regular consular services, including United States

1 citizen services, are available with respect to each
2 such post.

3 (5) Input from each such post regarding any
4 unique operational or policy value such post pro-
5 vides.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
8 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
9 port on the results of the analyses under subsections (a)
10 and (c).

11 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
13 sional committees” means—

14 (1) in the House of Representatives—

15 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and

16 (B) the Committee on Appropriations; and

17 (2) in the Senate—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations;

19 and

20 (B) the Committee on Appropriations.

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