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# S. 2262

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 21, 2017

Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Counterterrorism Advi-  
5 sory Board Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COUNTER-**  
2 **TERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Home-  
4 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.) is amend-  
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 210G. DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION ON COUNTER-**  
7 **TERRORISM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department  
9 a Counterterrorism Advisory Board (in this section re-  
10 ferred to as the ‘Board’) which shall—

11 “(1) be composed of senior representatives of  
12 departmental operational components and head-  
13 quarters elements; and

14 “(2) coordinate departmental intelligence activi-  
15 ties and policy and information related to the  
16 counterterrorism mission and functions of the De-  
17 partment.

18 “(b) CHARTER.—There shall be a charter to govern  
19 the structure and mission of the Board, which charter  
20 shall—

21 “(1) direct the Board to focus on the current  
22 threat environment and the importance of aligning  
23 departmental counterterrorism activities under the  
24 guidance of the Secretary; and

25 “(2) be reviewed and updated every 4 years, as  
26 appropriate.

1 “(c) MEMBERS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall be com-  
3 posed of senior representatives of departmental oper-  
4 ational components and headquarters elements.

5 “(2) CHAIR.—The Under Secretary for Intel-  
6 ligence and Analysis shall serve as the Chair of the  
7 Board.

8 “(3) MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint  
9 additional members of the Board from among the  
10 following:

11 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-  
12 istration.

13 “(B) United States Customs and Border  
14 Protection.

15 “(C) United States Immigration and Cus-  
16 toms Enforcement.

17 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management  
18 Agency.

19 “(E) The Coast Guard.

20 “(F) United States Citizenship and Immi-  
21 gration Services.

22 “(G) The United States Secret Service.

23 “(H) The National Protection and Pro-  
24 grams Directorate.

1           “(I) The Office of Operations Coordina-  
2           tion.

3           “(J) The Office of the General Counsel.

4           “(K) The Office of Intelligence and Anal-  
5           ysis.

6           “(L) The Office of Policy.

7           “(M) The Science and Technology Direc-  
8           torate.

9           “(N) The Office for State and Local Law  
10          Enforcement.

11          “(O) The Privacy Office.

12          “(P) The Office for Civil Rights and Civil  
13          Liberties.

14          “(Q) Other departmental offices and pro-  
15          grams as determined appropriate by the Sec-  
16          retary.

17          “(d) MEETINGS.—The Board shall—

18               “(1) meet on a regular basis to discuss intel-  
19               ligence and coordinate ongoing threat mitigation ef-  
20               forts and departmental activities, including coordina-  
21               tion with other Federal, State, local, tribal, terri-  
22               torial, and private sector partners; and

23               “(2) make recommendations to the Secretary.

1       “(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The Board shall advise  
2 the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts under  
3 section 203.

4       “(f) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No ad-  
5 ditional funds are authorized to carry out this section.”.

6       (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
7 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-  
8 curity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135)  
9 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
10 210F the following:

“Sec. 210G. Departmental coordination on counterterrorism.”.

11       (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
12 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
13 rity, acting through the Chair of the Counterterrorism Ad-  
14 visory Board established under section 210G of the Home-  
15 land Security Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a),  
16 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and  
17 Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee  
18 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a  
19 report on the status and activities of the Counterterrorism  
20 Advisory Board.

21       (d) SUNSET.—Effective on the date that is 4 years  
22 after the date of enactment of this Act—

23               (1) section 210G of the Homeland Security Act  
24               of 2002, as added by subsection (a), is repealed; and

1           (2) the table of contents in section 1(b) of the  
2           Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–  
3           296; 116 Stat. 2135) is amended by striking the  
4           item relating to section 210G.

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