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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Reported by Mr. CORKER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Agency for Global
3 Media Reform Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON CORPORATE LEADERSHIP OF**
5 **GRANTEES.**

6 Section 305 of the United States International
7 Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6204) is amended
8 by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

9 “(c) **LIMITATION ON CORPORATE LEADERSHIP OF**
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11 any grant under subsection (a) to RFE/RL, Inc., Radio
12 Free Asia, the Middle East Broadcasting Networks, or
13 any other statutorily authorized grantee (collectively re-
14 ferred to as the ‘Agency Grantee Networks’) unless the
15 incorporation documents of the grantee require that the
16 corporate leadership and Board of Directors of the grantee
17 be selected in accordance with this Act.”.

18 **SEC. 3. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ADVISORY**
19 **BOARD.**

20 Section 306 of the United States International
21 Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6205) is amended—

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23 inserting the following:

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25 Advisory Board (referred to in this section as the ‘Advi-
26 sory Board’) shall advise the Chief Executive Officer of

1 the United States Agency for Global Media, as appro-
2 priate.

3 “(b) ~~RETENTION OF EXISTING BROADCASTING~~
4 ~~BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEMBERS.~~—The presidentially
5 appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the Board of
6 the Broadcasting Board of Governors who were serving
7 as of December 23, 2016, shall—

8 “(1) constitute the first Advisory Board; and

9 “(2) hold office until replaced without re-
10 appointment to the Advisory Board.

11 “(c) ~~COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.~~—

12 “(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Advisory Board shall
13 consist of 7 members, of whom—

14 “(A) 6 shall be appointed by the President,
15 by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
16 ate, in accordance with subsection (d); and

17 “(B) 1 shall be the Secretary of State.

18 “(2) ~~CHAIR.~~—The President shall designate,
19 with the advice and consent of the Senate 1 of the
20 members appointed under paragraph (1)(A) as
21 Chair of the Advisory Board.

22 “(3) ~~PARTY LIMITATION.~~—Not more than 4
23 members of the Advisory Board appointed under
24 paragraph (1)(A) may be affiliated with the same
25 political party.

1 “(4) TERMS OF OFFICE.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
3 subparagraph (B), members of the Advisory
4 Board shall serve for a single term of 4 years,
5 except that, of the first group of members ap-
6 pointed under paragraph (1)(A)—

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8 with the same political party, shall be ap-
9 pointed for terms ending on the date that
10 is 2 years after the date of the enactment
11 of the U.S. Agency for Global Media Re-
12 form Act;

13 “(ii) 2 members who are not affiliated
14 with the same political party, shall be ap-
15 pointed for terms ending on the date that
16 is 4 years after the date of the enactment
17 of the U.S. Agency for Global Media Re-
18 form Act; and

19 “(iii) 2 members who are not affili-
20 ated with the same political party, shall be
21 appointed for terms ending on the date
22 that is 6 years after the date of the enact-
23 ment of the U.S. Agency for Global Media
24 Reform Act.

1 “(B) SECRETARY OF STATE.—The Sec-
2 retary of State shall serve as a member of the
3 Advisory Board for the duration of his or her
4 tenure as Secretary of State.

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6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall
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8 Senate, additional members to fill vacancies on
9 the Advisory Board occurring before the expira-
10 tion of a term.

11 “(B) TERM.—Any members appointed pur-
12 suant to subparagraph (A) shall serve for the
13 remainder of such term.

14 “(C) SERVICE BEYOND TERM.—Any mem-
15 ber whose term has expired shall continual to
16 serve as a member of the Advisory Board until
17 a qualified successor has been appointed and
18 confirmed by the Senate.

19 “(D) SECRETARY OF STATE.—When there
20 is a vacancy in the office of Secretary of State,
21 the Acting Secretary of State shall serve as a
22 member of the Advisory Board until a new Sec-
23 retary of State is appointed.”;

24 (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
2 “ADVISORY” before “BOARD”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “who
4 are” before “distinguished”; and

5 (3) by striking subsections (e) and (f) and in-
6 serting the following:

7 “(e) FUNCTIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.—The
8 members of the Advisory Board shall—

9 “(1) provide the Chief Executive Officer of the
10 United States Agency for Global Media with advice
11 and recommendations for improving the effectiveness
12 and efficiency of the Agency and its programming;

13 “(2) meet with the Chief Executive Officer at
14 least twice annually and at additional meetings at
15 the request of the Chief Executive Officer or the
16 Chair of the Advisory Board;

17 “(3) report periodically, or upon request, to the
18 congressional committees specified in subsection
19 (d)(2) regarding its advice and recommendations for
20 improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the
21 United States Agency for Global Media and its pro-
22 gramming;

23 “(4) obtain information from the Chief Execu-
24 tive Officer, as needed, for the purposes of fulfilling
25 the functions described in this subsection;

1 “(5) review budget submissions and strategic
2 plans before they are submitted to the Office of
3 Management and Budget or to Congress;

4 “(6) advise the Chief Executive Officer to en-
5 sure that—

6 “(A) the Chief Executive Officer fully re-
7 spects the professional integrity and editorial
8 independence of United States Agency for Glob-
9 al Media broadcasters, networks, and grantees;
10 and

11 “(B) agency networks, broadcasters, and
12 grantees adhere to the highest professional
13 standards and ethics of journalism, including
14 taking necessary actions to uphold professional
15 standards to produce consistently reliable and
16 authoritative, accurate, objective, and com-
17 prehensive news and information; and

18 “(7) provide other strategic input to the Chief
19 Executive Officer.

20 “(f) APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF NETWORKS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of Voice of
22 America, of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, of
23 RFE/RL, Inc., of Radio Free Asia, of the Middle
24 East Broadcasting Networks, or of any other statu-
25 torily authorized grantee may only be appointed or

1 removed if such action has been approved by a ma-
2 jority vote of the Advisory Board.

3 “(2) REMOVAL.—After consulting with the
4 Chief Executive Officer, 5 or more members of the
5 Advisory Board may unilaterally remove any such
6 head of network or grantee network described in
7 paragraph (1).

8 “(3) QUORUM.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A quorum shall con-
10 sist of 4 members of the Advisory Board (ex-
11 cluding the Secretary of State).

12 “(B) DECISIONS.—Except as provided in
13 paragraph (2), decisions of the Advisory Board
14 shall be made by majority vote, a quorum being
15 present.

16 “(C) AUTHORITIES.—The Advisory Board
17 may exercise the authorities set forth in section
18 305 and any other provision under this title
19 that is relevant to carrying out the Advisory
20 Board’s functions.

21 “(D) CLOSED SESSIONS.—The Advisory
22 Board may meet in closed sessions in accord-
23 ance with section 552b of title 5, United States
24 Code.

25 “(g) COMPENSATION.—

1 “(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Members of the Advisory
2 Board, while attending meetings of the Advisory
3 Board or while engaged in duties relating to such
4 meetings or in other activities of the Advisory Board
5 under this section (including travel time) shall be en-
6 titled to receive compensation equal to the daily
7 equivalent of the compensation prescribed for level
8 IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of
9 title 5, United States Code.

10 “(2) ~~TRAVEL EXPENSES.~~—While away from
11 their homes or regular places of business, members
12 of the Board may be allowed travel expenses, includ-
13 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized
14 under section 5703 of such title for persons in the
15 Government service employed intermittently.

16 “(3) ~~SECRETARY OF STATE.~~—The Secretary of
17 State is not entitled to any compensation under this
18 title, but may be allowed travel expenses in accord-
19 ance with paragraph (2).

20 “(h) ~~SUPPORT STAFF.~~—The Chief Executive Officer
21 shall, from within existing United States Agency for Glob-
22 al Media personnel, provide the Advisory Board with an
23 Executive Secretary and such administrative staff and
24 support as may be necessary to enable the Advisory Board
25 to carry out subsections (e) and (f).”.

1 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 The United States International Broadcasting Act of
3 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) in section 304—

5 (A) in the section heading, by striking
6 **“BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS”**
7 and inserting **“UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR**
8 **GLOBAL MEDIA”**;

9 (B) in subsection (a), by striking **“Broad-**
10 **easting Board of Governors”** and inserting
11 **“United States Agency for Global Media”**;

12 (C) in subsection (b)(1), by striking
13 **“Broadcasting Board of Governors”** and insert-
14 ing **“United States Agency for Global Media”**;
15 and

16 (D) in subsection (e), by striking **“Board”**
17 each place such term appears and inserting
18 **“Agency”**;

19 (2) in section 305—

20 (A) in subsection (a)—

21 (i) in paragraph (6), by striking
22 **“Board”** and inserting **“Agency”**;

23 (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking
24 **“Board”** and inserting **“Agency”**;

25 (iii) in paragraph (20), by striking
26 **“Board”** and inserting **“Agency”**; and

1 (iv) in paragraph (22), by striking
2 “Board” and inserting “Agency”;

3 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “Board”
4 each place such term appears and inserting
5 “Agency”;

6 (3) in section 308—

7 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-
8 ceeding paragraph (1), by striking “Board” and
9 inserting “Agency”;

10 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “Board”
11 each place such term appears and inserting
12 “Agency”;

13 (C) in subsection (d), by striking “Board”
14 and inserting “Agency”;

15 (D) in subsection (g), by striking “Board”
16 each place such term appears and inserting
17 “Agency”;

18 (E) in subsection (h)(5), by striking
19 “Board” and inserting “Agency”; and

20 (F) in subsection (i), by striking “Board”
21 and inserting “Agency”;

22 (4) in section 309—

23 (A) in subsection (e)(1), by striking
24 “Board” each place such term appears and in-
25 serting “Agency”;

1 (B) in subsection (e), in the matter pre-
 2 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “Board” and
 3 inserting “Agency”;

4 (C) in subsection (f), by striking “Board”
 5 each place such term appears and inserting
 6 “Agency”; and

7 (D) in subsection (g), by striking “Board”
 8 and inserting “Agency”;

9 (5) in section 310(d), by striking “Board” and
 10 inserting “Agency”;

11 (6) in section 310A(a), by striking “Broad-
 12 casting Board of Governors” and inserting “United
 13 States Agency for Global Media”;

14 (7) in section 310B, by striking “Board” and
 15 inserting “Agency”;

16 (8) in section 313(a), in the matter preceding
 17 paragraph (1), strike “Board” and insert “Agency”;

18 (9) in section 314, by striking “(4) the terms
 19 ‘Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Board’
 20 means the Broadcasting Board of Governors” and
 21 inserting the following:

22 “(2) the terms ‘Agency’ and ‘Chief Executive
 23 Officer of the Agency’ mean the United States Agen-
 24 cy for Global Media”; and

25 (10) in section 315—

1 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
2 “Broadcasting Board of Governors” and insert-
3 ing “United States Agency for Global Media”;
4 and

5 (B) in subsection (e), by striking “Broad-
6 casting Board of Governors” and inserting
7 “United States Agency for Global Media”.

8 **SEC. 5. AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF PROGRAMS AND EF-**
9 **FORTS.**

10 The Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Pub-
11 lic Affairs of the Department of State shall—

12 (1) identify opportunities for greater efficiency
13 of operations, including through improved coordina-
14 tion of efforts across public diplomacy bureaus and
15 offices of the Department of State; and

16 (2) maximize shared use of resources between,
17 and within, such public diplomacy bureaus and of-
18 fices in cases in which programs, facilities, or admin-
19 istrative functions are duplicative or substantially
20 overlapping.

21 **SEC. 6. IMPROVING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF PUB-**
22 **LIC DIPLOMACY.**

23 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) AUDIENCE RESEARCH.—The term “audi-
25 ence research” means research conducted at the out-

1 set of a public diplomacy program or campaign plan-
2 ning and design on specific audience segments to un-
3 derstand the attitudes, interests, knowledge, and be-
4 haviors of such audience segments.

5 (2) DIGITAL ANALYTICS.—The term “digital
6 analytics” means the analysis of qualitative and
7 quantitative data, accumulated in digital format, to
8 indicate the outputs and outcomes of a public diplo-
9 macy program or campaign.

10 (3) IMPACT EVALUATION.—The term “impact
11 evaluation” means an assessment of the changes in
12 the audience targeted by a public diplomacy program
13 or campaign that can be attributed to such program
14 or campaign.

15 (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY BUREAUS AND OF-
16 FICES.—The term “public diplomacy bureaus and
17 offices” means—

18 (A) the Bureau of Educational and Cul-
19 tural Affairs;

20 (B) the Bureau of Public Affairs;

21 (C) the Bureau of International Informa-
22 tion Programs;

23 (D) the Office of Policy, Planning, and Re-
24 sources for Public Diplomacy and Public Af-
25 fairs;

1 ~~(E)~~ the Global Engagement Center; and

2 ~~(F)~~ the public diplomacy functions within
3 the regional and functional bureaus.

4 ~~(b) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.—~~The
5 Secretary of State shall—

6 ~~(1)~~ conduct regular research and evaluation of
7 public diplomacy programs and activities of the De-
8 partment of State, including through the routine use
9 of audience research, digital analytics, and impact
10 evaluations, to plan and execute such programs and
11 activities; and

12 ~~(2)~~ make the findings of the research and eval-
13 uations conducted under paragraph ~~(1)~~ available to
14 Congress.

15 ~~(c) DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—~~

16 ~~(1) APPOINTMENT.—~~Not later than 90 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
18 retary of State shall appoint a Director of Research
19 and Evaluation (referred to in this subsection as the
20 “Director”) in the Office of Policy, Planning, and
21 Resources for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

22 ~~(2) LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENT.—~~The ap-
23 pointment of the Director pursuant to paragraph ~~(1)~~
24 shall not result in an increase in the overall full-time
25 equivalent positions within the Department of State.

1 ~~(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—~~The Director shall—

2 ~~(A) coordinate and oversee the research~~
3 ~~and evaluation of public diplomacy programs of~~
4 ~~the Department of State—~~

5 ~~(i) to improve public diplomacy strate-~~
6 ~~gies and tactics; and~~

7 ~~(ii) to ensure that programs are in-~~
8 ~~creasing the knowledge, understanding,~~
9 ~~and trust of the United States by relevant~~
10 ~~target audiences;~~

11 ~~(B) report to the Director of Policy Plan-~~
12 ~~ning in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Re-~~
13 ~~sources for Public Diplomacy and Public Af-~~
14 ~~airs;~~

15 ~~(C) routinely organize and oversee audi-~~
16 ~~ence research, digital analytics, and impact~~
17 ~~evaluations across all public diplomacy bureaus~~
18 ~~and offices of the Department of State;~~

19 ~~(D) support embassy public affairs sec-~~
20 ~~tions;~~

21 ~~(E) share appropriate public diplomacy re-~~
22 ~~search and evaluation information within the~~
23 ~~Department of State and with other Federal de-~~
24 ~~partments and agencies;~~

1 (F) regularly design and coordinate stand-
2 ardized research questions, methodologies, and
3 procedures to ensure that public diplomacy ac-
4 tivities across all public diplomacy bureaus and
5 offices are designed to meet appropriate foreign
6 policy objectives; and

7 (G) report biannually to the United States
8 Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy,
9 through the Subcommittee on Research and
10 Evaluation established pursuant to subsection
11 (e), regarding the research and evaluation of all
12 public diplomacy bureaus and offices of the De-
13 partment of State.

14 (4) GUIDANCE AND TRAINING.—Not later than
15 1 year after the appointment of the Director pursu-
16 ant to paragraph (1), the Director shall create guid-
17 ance and training, including curriculum for use by
18 the Foreign Service Institute, for all public diplo-
19 macy officers regarding the reading and interpreta-
20 tion of public diplomacy program evaluation findings
21 to ensure that such findings and lessons learned are
22 implemented in the planning and evaluation of all
23 public diplomacy programs and activities throughout
24 the Department of State.

25 (d) PRIORITIZING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of Policy Plan-
2 ning shall ensure that research and evaluation, as
3 coordinated and overseen by the Director of Re-
4 search and Evaluation, supports strategic planning
5 and resource allocation across all public diplomacy
6 bureaus and offices of the Department of State.

7 (2) ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.—Amounts al-
8 located for the purposes of research and evaluation
9 of public diplomacy programs and activities pursu-
10 ant to subsection (b) shall be made available to be
11 disbursed at the direction of the Director of Re-
12 search and Evaluation among the research and eval-
13 uation staff across all public diplomacy bureaus and
14 offices of the Department of State.

15 (3) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
16 Congress that the Department of State should
17 gradually increase its allocation of funds made avail-
18 able under the headings “EDUCATIONAL AND CUL-
19 TURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS” and “DIPLOMATIC
20 AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS” for research and evalua-
21 tion of public diplomacy activities and programs pur-
22 suant to subsection (a) to a percentage of program
23 funds that is commensurate with government best
24 practices.

1 (e) LIMITED EXEMPTION.—Chapter 35 of title 44,
2 United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork
3 Reduction Act”) shall not apply to collections of informa-
4 tion directed at any individuals conducted by, or on behalf
5 of, the Department of State for the purpose of audience
6 research, monitoring, and evaluations, and in connection
7 with the Department’s activities conducted pursuant to—

8 (1) the United States Information and Edu-
9 cational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C. 1431 et
10 seq.);

11 (2) the Mutual Educational and Cultural Ex-
12 change Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.);

13 (3) section 1287 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
15 114-328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note); or

16 (4) the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
17 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.).

18 (f) LIMITED EXEMPTION TO THE PRIVACY ACT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of State
20 shall maintain, collect, use, and disseminate records
21 (as defined in section 552a(a)(4) of title 5, United
22 States Code) for research and data analysis of com-
23 munications related to public diplomacy efforts in-
24 tended for foreign audiences.

1 (2) ~~CONDITIONS.—~~Research and data analysis
2 under paragraph (1) shall be—

3 (A) reasonably tailored to meet the pur-
4 poses of this subsection; and

5 (B) carried out with due regard for privacy
6 and civil liberties guidance and oversight.

7 (g) ~~UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON~~
8 ~~PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—~~

9 (1) ~~SUBCOMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH AND EVAL-~~
10 ~~UATION.—~~The United States Advisory Commission
11 on Public Diplomacy shall establish a Subcommittee
12 for Research and Evaluation to monitor and advise
13 regarding the research and evaluation activities of
14 the Department of State and the United States
15 Agency for Global Media.

16 (2) ~~REPORT.—~~The Subcommittee for Research
17 and Evaluation established pursuant to paragraph
18 (1) shall submit an annual report to Congress in
19 conjunction with the Commission on Public Diplo-
20 macy's Comprehensive Annual Report on the per-
21 formance of the Department and the United States
22 Agency for Global Media in carrying out research
23 and evaluations of their respective public diplomacy
24 programming.

1 **SEC. 7. PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE UNITED**
 2 **STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC**
 3 **DIPLOMACY.**

4 Section 1334 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Re-
 5 structuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6553) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**SUN-**
 7 **SET**” and inserting “**CONTINUATION**”; and

8 (2) by striking “until October 1, 2020”.

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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 21 *other statutorily authorized grantee (collectively referred to*
 22 *as the ‘Agency Grantee Networks’) unless the incorporation*
 23 *documents of the grantee require that the corporate leader-*
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 12 *and Senate-confirmed members of the Board of the Broad-*
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 14 *ber 23, 2016, shall—*

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 17 *ment to the Advisory Board.*

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25 *“(2) CHAIR.—The President shall designate, with*
 26 *the advice and consent of the Senate 1 of the members*

1 *appointed under paragraph (1)(A) as Chair of the*
2 *Advisory Board.*

3 “(3) *PARTY LIMITATION.*—*Not more than 3*
4 *members of the Advisory Board appointed under*
5 *paragraph (1)(A) may be affiliated with the same po-*
6 *litical party.*

7 “(4) *TERMS OF OFFICE.*—

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in*
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14 *with the same political party, shall be ap-*
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16 *2 years after the date of the enactment of*
17 *the U.S. Agency for Global Media Reform*
18 *Act;*

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14 additional members to fill vacancies on the Advi-
15 sory Board occurring before the expiration of a
16 term.

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19 mainder of such term.

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21 ber whose term has expired shall continue to
22 serve as a member of the Advisory Board until
23 a qualified successor has been appointed and
24 confirmed by the Senate.

1 “(D) *SECRETARY OF STATE*.—When there is
2 a vacancy in the office of Secretary of State, the
3 Acting Secretary of State shall serve as a mem-
4 ber of the Advisory Board until a new Secretary
5 of State is appointed.”;

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15 “(1) provide the Chief Executive Officer of the
16 United States Agency for Global Media with advice
17 and recommendations for improving the effectiveness
18 and efficiency of the Agency and its programming;

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20 least twice annually and at additional meetings at
21 the request of the Chief Executive Officer or the Chair
22 of the Advisory Board;

23 “(3) report periodically, or upon request, to the
24 congressional committees specified in subsection (d)(2)
25 regarding its advice and recommendations for im-

1 *proving the effectiveness and efficiency of the United*
2 *States Agency for Global Media and its program-*
3 *ming;*

4 *“(4) obtain information from the Chief Executive*
5 *Officer, as needed, for the purposes of fulfilling the*
6 *functions described in this subsection;*

7 *“(5) consult with the Chief Executive Officer re-*
8 *garding budget submissions and strategic plans before*
9 *they are submitted to the Office of Management and*
10 *Budget or to Congress;*

11 *“(6) advise the Chief Executive Officer to ensure*
12 *that—*

13 *“(A) the Chief Executive Officer fully re-*
14 *spects the professional integrity and editorial*
15 *independence of United States Agency for Global*
16 *Media broadcasters, networks, and grantees; and*

17 *“(B) agency networks, broadcasters, and*
18 *grantees adhere to the highest professional stand-*
19 *ards and ethics of journalism, including taking*
20 *necessary actions to uphold professional stand-*
21 *ards to produce consistently reliable and authori-*
22 *tative, accurate, objective, and comprehensive*
23 *news and information; and*

24 *“(7) provide other strategic input to the Chief*
25 *Executive Officer.*

1 “(f) *APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF NETWORKS.*—

2 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The head of Voice of Amer-*
3 *ica, of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, of RFE/RL,*
4 *Inc., of Radio Free Asia, of the Middle East Broad-*
5 *casting Networks, or of any other statutorily author-*
6 *ized grantee may only be appointed or removed if*
7 *such action has been approved by a majority vote of*
8 *the Advisory Board.*

9 “(2) *REMOVAL.*—*After consulting with the Chief*
10 *Executive Officer, 5 or more members of the Advisory*
11 *Board may unilaterally remove any such head of net-*
12 *work or grantee network described in paragraph (1).*

13 “(3) *QUORUM.*—

14 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A quorum shall consist*
15 *of 4 members of the Advisory Board (excluding*
16 *the Secretary of State).*

17 “(B) *DECISIONS.*—*Except as provided in*
18 *paragraph (2), decisions of the Advisory Board*
19 *shall be made by majority vote, a quorum being*
20 *present.*

21 “(C) *CLOSED SESSIONS.*—*The Advisory*
22 *Board may meet in closed sessions in accordance*
23 *with section 552b of title 5, United States Code.*

24 “(g) *COMPENSATION.*—

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Members of the Advisory*
2 *Board, while attending meetings of the Advisory*
3 *Board or while engaged in duties relating to such*
4 *meetings or in other activities of the Advisory Board*
5 *under this section (including travel time) shall be en-*
6 *titled to receive compensation equal to the daily*
7 *equivalent of the compensation prescribed for level IV*
8 *of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title*
9 *5, United States Code.*

10 “(2) *TRAVEL EXPENSES.*—*While away from*
11 *their homes or regular places of business, members of*
12 *the Board may be allowed travel expenses, including*
13 *per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under*
14 *section 5703 of such title for persons in the Govern-*
15 *ment service employed intermittently.*

16 “(3) *SECRETARY OF STATE.*—*The Secretary of*
17 *State is not entitled to any compensation under this*
18 *title, but may be allowed travel expenses in accord-*
19 *ance with paragraph (2).*

20 “(h) *SUPPORT STAFF.*—*The Chief Executive Officer*
21 *shall, from within existing United States Agency for Global*
22 *Media personnel, provide the Advisory Board with an Exec-*
23 *utive Secretary and such administrative staff and support*
24 *as may be necessary to enable the Advisory Board to carry*
25 *out subsections (e) and (f).”.*

1 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 *The United States International Broadcasting Act of*
 3 *1994 (22 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.) is amended—*

4 *(1) in section 304—*

5 *(A) in the section heading, by striking*
 6 **“BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS”**
 7 *and inserting “UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR*
 8 **GLOBAL MEDIA”;**

9 *(B) in subsection (a), by striking “Broad-*
 10 *casting Board of Governors” and inserting*
 11 *“United States Agency for Global Media”;*

12 *(C) in subsection (b)(1), by striking*
 13 *“Broadcasting Board of Governors” and insert-*
 14 *ing “United States Agency for Global Media”;*
 15 *and*

16 *(D) in subsection (c), by striking “Board”*
 17 *each place such term appears and inserting*
 18 *“Agency”;*

19 *(2) in section 305—*

20 *(A) in subsection (a)—*

21 *(i) in paragraph (6), by striking*
 22 *“Board” and inserting “Agency”;*

23 *(ii) in paragraph (13), by striking*
 24 *“Board” and inserting “Agency”;*

25 *(iii) in paragraph (18), by striking*
 26 *“Chief Executive Officer” the first place it*

1 *appears and inserting “Agency formerly*
2 *known as the Broadcasting Board of Gov-*
3 *ernors”;*

4 *(iv) in paragraph (20), by striking*
5 *“Board” and inserting “Agency”; and*

6 *(v) in paragraph (22), by striking*
7 *“Board” and inserting “Agency”;*

8 *(B) in subsection (b), by striking “Board”*
9 *each place such term appears and inserting*
10 *“Agency”;*

11 *(3) in section 308—*

12 *(A) by striking subsection (a);*

13 *(B) in subsection (b), by striking “Board”*
14 *each place such term appears and inserting*
15 *“Agency”;*

16 *(C) in subsection (d), by striking “Board”*
17 *and inserting “Agency”;*

18 *(D) in subsection (g), by striking “Board”*
19 *each place such term appears and inserting*
20 *“Agency”;*

21 *(E) in subsection (h)(5), by striking*
22 *“Board” and inserting “Agency”; and*

23 *(F) in subsection (i), by striking “Board”*
24 *and inserting “Agency”;*

25 *(4) in section 309—*

1 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking
2 “Board” each place such term appears and in-
3 serting “Agency”;

4 (B) in subsection (e), in the matter pre-
5 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “Board” and
6 inserting “Agency”;

7 (C) in subsection (f), by striking “Board”
8 each place such term appears and inserting
9 “Agency”; and

10 (D) in subsection (g), by striking “Board”
11 and inserting “Agency”;

12 (5) in section 310(d), by striking “Board” and
13 inserting “Agency”;

14 (6) in section 310A(a), by striking “Broad-
15 casting Board of Governors” and inserting “United
16 States Agency for Global Media”;

17 (7) in section 310B, by striking “Board” and in-
18 serting “Agency”;

19 (8) in section 313(a), in the matter preceding
20 paragraph (1), strike “Board” and insert “Agency”;

21 (9) in section 314, by striking “(4) the terms
22 ‘Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Board’
23 mean the Broadcasting Board of Governors” and in-
24 serting the following:

1 “(2) the terms ‘Agency’ and ‘Chief Executive Of-
2 ficer of the Agency’ mean the United States Agency
3 for Global Media”; and

4 (10) in section 316—

5 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
6 “Broadcasting Board of Governors” and insert-
7 ing “United States Agency for Global Media”;
8 and

9 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “Broad-
10 casting Board of Governors” and inserting
11 “United States Agency for Global Media”.

12 **SEC. 5. AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF PROGRAMS AND EF-**
13 **FORTS.**

14 *The Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public*
15 *Affairs of the Department of State shall—*

16 (1) *identify opportunities for greater efficiency of*
17 *operations, including through improved coordination*
18 *of efforts across public diplomacy bureaus and offices*
19 *of the Department of State; and*

20 (2) *maximize shared use of resources between,*
21 *and within, such public diplomacy bureaus and of-*
22 *fices in cases in which programs, facilities, or admin-*
23 *istrative functions are duplicative or substantially*
24 *overlapping.*

1 **SEC. 6. IMPROVING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF PUB-**
2 **LIC DIPLOMACY.**

3 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

4 (1) *AUDIENCE RESEARCH.—The term “audience*
5 *research” means research conducted at the outset of a*
6 *public diplomacy program or campaign planning*
7 *and design on specific audience segments to under-*
8 *stand the attitudes, interests, knowledge, and behav-*
9 *iors of such audience segments.*

10 (2) *DIGITAL ANALYTICS.—The term “digital*
11 *analytics” means the analysis of qualitative and*
12 *quantitative data, accumulated in digital format, to*
13 *indicate the outputs and outcomes of a public diplo-*
14 *macy program or campaign.*

15 (3) *IMPACT EVALUATION.—The term “impact*
16 *evaluation” means an assessment of the changes in*
17 *the audience targeted by a public diplomacy program*
18 *or campaign that can be attributed to such program*
19 *or campaign.*

20 (4) *PUBLIC DIPLOMACY BUREAUS AND OF-*
21 *FICES.—The term “public diplomacy bureaus and of-*
22 *fices” means—*

23 (A) *the Bureau of Educational and Cul-*
24 *tural Affairs;*

25 (B) *the Bureau of Public Affairs;*

1 (C) *the Bureau of International Informa-*
2 *tion Programs;*

3 (D) *the Office of Policy, Planning, and Re-*
4 *sources for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs;*

5 (E) *the Global Engagement Center; and*

6 (F) *the public diplomacy functions within*
7 *the regional and functional bureaus.*

8 (b) *RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.—The*
9 *Secretary of State shall—*

10 (1) *conduct regular research and evaluation of*
11 *public diplomacy programs and activities of the De-*
12 *partment of State, including through the routine use*
13 *of audience research, digital analytics, and impact*
14 *evaluations, to plan and execute such programs and*
15 *activities; and*

16 (2) *make the findings of the research and evalua-*
17 *tions conducted under paragraph (1) available to*
18 *Congress.*

19 (c) *DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—*

20 (1) *APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 90 days after*
21 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
22 *State shall appoint a Director of Research and Eval-*
23 *uation (referred to in this subsection as the “Direc-*
24 *tor”) in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources*
25 *for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.*

1 (2) *LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENT.*—*The ap-*
2 *pointment of the Director pursuant to paragraph (1)*
3 *shall not result in an increase in the overall full-time*
4 *equivalent positions within the Department of State.*

5 (3) *RESPONSIBILITIES.*—*The Director shall—*

6 (A) *coordinate and oversee the research and*
7 *evaluation of public diplomacy programs of the*
8 *Department of State—*

9 (i) *to improve public diplomacy strate-*
10 *gies and tactics; and*

11 (ii) *to ensure that programs are in-*
12 *creasing the knowledge, understanding, and*
13 *trust of the United States by relevant target*
14 *audiences;*

15 (B) *report to the Director of Policy Plan-*
16 *ning in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Re-*
17 *sources for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs;*

18 (C) *routinely organize and oversee audience*
19 *research, digital analytics, and impact evalua-*
20 *tions across all public diplomacy bureaus and of-*
21 *fices of the Department of State;*

22 (D) *support embassy public affairs sections;*

23 (E) *share appropriate public diplomacy re-*
24 *search and evaluation information within the*

1 *Department of State and with other Federal de-*
2 *partments and agencies;*

3 *(F) regularly design and coordinate stand-*
4 *ardized research questions, methodologies, and*
5 *procedures to ensure that public diplomacy ac-*
6 *tivities across all public diplomacy bureaus and*
7 *offices are designed to meet appropriate foreign*
8 *policy objectives; and*

9 *(G) report biannually to the United States*
10 *Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy,*
11 *through the Subcommittee on Research and*
12 *Evaluation established pursuant to subsection*
13 *(g), regarding the research and evaluation of all*
14 *public diplomacy bureaus and offices of the De-*
15 *partment of State.*

16 *(4) GUIDANCE AND TRAINING.—Not later than 1*
17 *year after the appointment of the Director pursuant*
18 *to paragraph (1), the Director shall create guidance*
19 *and training, including curriculum for use by the*
20 *Foreign Service Institute, for all public diplomacy of-*
21 *ficers regarding the reading and interpretation of*
22 *public diplomacy program evaluation findings to en-*
23 *sure that such findings and lessons learned are imple-*
24 *mented in the planning and evaluation of all public*

1 *diplomacy programs and activities throughout the*
2 *Department of State.*

3 *(d) PRIORITIZING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of Policy Plan-*
5 *ning shall ensure that research and evaluation, as co-*
6 *ordinated and overseen by the Director of Research*
7 *and Evaluation, supports strategic planning and re-*
8 *source allocation across all public diplomacy bureaus*
9 *and offices of the Department of State.*

10 *(2) ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.—Amounts allo-*
11 *cated for the purposes of research and evaluation of*
12 *public diplomacy programs and activities pursuant*
13 *to subsection (b) shall be made available to be dis-*
14 *bursed at the direction of the Director of Research*
15 *and Evaluation among the research and evaluation*
16 *staff across all public diplomacy bureaus and offices*
17 *of the Department of State.*

18 *(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of*
19 *Congress that the Department of State should gradu-*
20 *ally increase its allocation of funds made available*
21 *under the headings “EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL*
22 *EXCHANGE PROGRAMS” and “DIPLOMATIC AND CON-*
23 *SULAR PROGRAMS” for research and evaluation of*
24 *public diplomacy activities and programs pursuant*

1 to subsection (a) to a percentage of program funds
2 that is commensurate with government best practices.

3 (e) *LIMITED EXEMPTION.*—Chapter 35 of title 44,
4 *United States Code* (commonly known as the “*Paperwork*
5 *Reduction Act*”) shall not apply to collections of informa-
6 *tion directed at any individuals conducted by, or on behalf*
7 *of, the Department of State for the purpose of audience re-*
8 *search, monitoring, and evaluations, and in connection*
9 *with the Department’s activities conducted pursuant to—*

10 (1) *the United States Information and Edu-*
11 *cational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C. 1431 et*
12 *seq.);*

13 (2) *the Mutual Educational and Cultural Ex-*
14 *change Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.);*

15 (3) *section 1287 of the National Defense Author-*
16 *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-*
17 *328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note); or*

18 (4) *the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22*
19 *U.S.C. 2151 et seq.).*

20 (f) *LIMITED EXEMPTION TO THE PRIVACY ACT.*—

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Department of State shall*
22 *maintain, collect, use, and disseminate records (as de-*
23 *defined in section 552a(a)(4) of title 5, United States*
24 *Code) for research and data analysis of communica-*

1 *tions related to public diplomacy efforts intended for*
2 *foreign audiences.*

3 (2) *CONDITIONS.—Research and data analysis*
4 *under paragraph (1) shall be—*

5 (A) *reasonably tailored to meet the purposes*
6 *of this subsection; and*

7 (B) *carried out with due regard for privacy*
8 *and civil liberties guidance and oversight.*

9 (g) *UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUB-*
10 *LIC DIPLOMACY.—*

11 (1) *SUBCOMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH AND EVAL-*
12 *UATION.—The United States Advisory Commission on*
13 *Public Diplomacy shall establish a Subcommittee for*
14 *Research and Evaluation to monitor and advise re-*
15 *garding the research and evaluation activities of the*
16 *Department of State and the United States Agency*
17 *for Global Media.*

18 (2) *REPORT.—The Subcommittee for Research*
19 *and Evaluation established pursuant to paragraph*
20 *(1) shall submit an annual report to Congress in con-*
21 *junction with the Commission on Public Diplomacy’s*
22 *Comprehensive Annual Report on the performance of*
23 *the Department and the United States Agency for*
24 *Global Media in carrying out research and evalua-*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 30 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act and every 90
3 days thereafter, the Chief Executive Officer of the
4 United States Agency for Global Media shall brief, or
5 submit a report to, the appropriate congressional
6 committees on any employee of the Agency or Agency
7 Grantee Network who has been suspended or placed
8 on administrative leave for more than 45 days with-
9 out a formal disciplinary determination for writing
10 or approving content in programming inconsistent
11 with the Agency’s mission to “inform, engage, and
12 connect people around the world in support of free-
13 dom and democracy”.

14 (2) *ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.*—The briefing or
15 report required under paragraph (1) shall include in-
16 formation regarding—

17 (A) the suspended employee’s employment
18 status; and

19 (B) the reasons for the Agency’s failure to
20 make a formal disciplinary determination.

21 (c) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—

22 (1) *THREATS TO JOURNALISTS.*—The United
23 States Agency For Global Media should continue to
24 highlight, in its annual report, threats to journalists
25 around the world, including a comprehensive list of

1 *restrictions imposed by foreign governments on the*
2 *activities of networks and grantees of the Agency, in-*
3 *cluding intimidation, harassment, and arrests of*
4 *journalists.*

5 (2) *AVAILABILITY.—The report referred to in*
6 *paragraph (1)—*

7 (A) *should be submitted to the appropriate*
8 *congressional committees; and*

9 (B) *should continue to be made publicly*
10 *available.*

11 (3) *PRESS FREEDOM.—The Department of State*
12 *should continue to stress to foreign governments that*
13 *press freedom is—*

14 (A) *a key component of democratic govern-*
15 *ance; and*

16 (B) *an important priority of United States*
17 *foreign policy.*

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