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[Report No. 117–250]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Blue Campaign of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DECEMBER 13, 2022

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

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

A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Blue Campaign of the Department of Homeland Security, 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 “DHS Blue Campaign
5 Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BLUE CAM-**
 2 **PAIGN ENHANCEMENT.**

3 Section 434 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
 4 (6 U.S.C. 242) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)(6), by striking “utilizing
 6 resources,” and inserting “developing and utilizing,
 7 in consultation with the Advisory Board established
 8 pursuant to subsection (g), resources”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 10 sections:

11 “(f) **WEB-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS.**—To en-
 12 hance training opportunities, the Director of the Blue
 13 Campaign shall develop web-based interactive training vid-
 14 eos that utilize a learning management system to provide
 15 online training opportunities that shall, during the 10-year
 16 period beginning on the date that is 90 days after the date
 17 of enactment of the DHS Blue Campaign Enhancement
 18 Act, be made available to the following individuals:

19 “(1) Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
 20 law enforcement officers.

21 “(2) Non-Federal correction system personnel.

22 “(3) Such other individuals as the Director de-
 23 termines appropriate.

24 “(g) **BLUE CAMPAIGN ADVISORY BOARD.**—

25 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall estab-
 26 lish within the Department a Blue Campaign Advi-

1 sory Board and shall assign to such Board a rep-
 2 resentative from each of the following components:

3 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-
 4 istration.

5 “(B) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

6 “(C) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
 7 forcement.

8 “(D) The Federal Law Enforcement
 9 Training Center.

10 “(E) The United States Secret Service.

11 “(F) The Office for Civil Rights and Civil
 12 Liberties.

13 “(G) The Privacy Office.

14 “(H) Any other components or offices the
 15 Secretary determines appropriate.

16 “(2) CHARTER.—The Secretary is authorized to
 17 issue a charter for the Board, and such charter shall
 18 specify the following:

19 “(A) The Board’s mission, goals, and
 20 scope of its activities.

21 “(B) The duties of the Board’s representa-
 22 tives.

23 “(C) The frequency of the Board’s meet-
 24 ings.

1 ~~“(3) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall con-~~
 2 ~~sult the Board established pursuant to paragraph~~
 3 ~~(1) regarding the following:~~

4 ~~“(A) Recruitment tactics used by human~~
 5 ~~traffickers to inform the development of train-~~
 6 ~~ing and materials by the Blue Campaign.~~

7 ~~“(B) The development of effective aware-~~
 8 ~~ness tools for distribution to Federal and non-~~
 9 ~~Federal officials to identify and prevent in-~~
 10 ~~stances of human trafficking.~~

11 ~~“(C) Identification of additional persons or~~
 12 ~~entities that may be uniquely positioned to rec-~~
 13 ~~ognize signs of human trafficking and the devel-~~
 14 ~~opment of materials for such persons.~~

15 ~~“(4) APPLICABILITY.—The Federal Advisory~~
 16 ~~Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to—~~

17 ~~“(A) the Board; or~~

18 ~~“(B) consultations under paragraph (2).~~

19 ~~“(h) CONSULTATION.—With regard to the develop-~~
 20 ~~ment of programs under the Blue Campaign and the im-~~
 21 ~~plementation of such programs, the Director is authorized~~
 22 ~~to consult with State, local, Tribal, and territorial agen-~~
 23 ~~cies, non-governmental organizations, private sector orga-~~
 24 ~~nizations, and experts. Such consultation shall be exempt~~

1 from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
2 App.).”.

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “DHS Blue Campaign*
5 *Enhancement Act”.*

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7 **PAIGN ENHANCEMENT.**

8 *Section 434 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*
9 *U.S.C. 242) is amended—*

10 *(1) in subsection (e)(6), by striking “utilizing re-*
11 *sources,” and inserting “developing and utilizing, in*
12 *consultation with the Advisory Board established pur-*
13 *suant to subsection (g), resources”; and*

14 *(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-*
15 *sections:*

16 *“(f) WEB-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—To enhance*
17 *training opportunities, the Director of the Blue Campaign*
18 *shall develop web-based interactive training videos that uti-*
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24 *“(1) Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial*
25 *law enforcement officers.*

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2 “(3) *Such other individuals as the Director de-*
3 *termines appropriate.*

4 “(g) *BLUE CAMPAIGN ADVISORY BOARD.—*

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—There is established in the*
6 *Department a Blue Campaign Advisory Board, which*
7 *shall be comprised of representatives assigned by the*
8 *Secretary, from not less than 4 separate components*
9 *or offices of the Department.*

10 “(2) *CHARTER.—The Secretary is authorized to*
11 *issue a charter for the Blue Campaign Advisory*
12 *Board, and such charter shall specify the following:*

13 “(A) *The Board’s mission, goals, and scope*
14 *of its activities.*

15 “(B) *The duties of the Board’s representa-*
16 *tives.*

17 “(C) *The frequency of the Board’s meetings.*

18 “(3) *CONSULTATION.—The Director shall consult*
19 *the Blue Campaign Advisory Board and, as appro-*
20 *priate, experts from other components and offices of*
21 *the Center for Countering Human Trafficking of the*
22 *Department regarding the following:*

23 “(A) *Recruitment tactics used by human*
24 *traffickers to inform the development of training*
25 *and materials by the Blue Campaign.*

1 “(B) *The development of effective awareness*
 2 *tools for distribution to Federal and non-Federal*
 3 *officials to identify and prevent instances of*
 4 *human trafficking.*

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 10 *Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to—*

11 “(A) *the Blue Campaign Advisory Board;*
 12 *or*

13 “(B) *consultations under paragraph (3).*

14 “(h) *CONSULTATION.—With regard to the development*
 15 *of programs under the Blue Campaign and the implementa-*
 16 *tion of such programs, the Director is authorized to consult*
 17 *with State, local, Tribal, and territorial agencies, non-gov-*
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 19 *experts. Such consultation shall be exempt from the Federal*
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