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To authorize the development of open-source software based on certain systems of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State to facilitate the vetting of travelers against terrorist watchlists and law enforcement databases, enhance border management, and improve targeting and analysis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2017

Mr. HURD (for himself, Mr. VELA, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Enhancing Overseas
3 Traveler Vetting Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. OPEN-SOURCE SCREENING SOFTWARE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), the Sec-
6 retary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State—

7 (1) are authorized to develop open-source soft-
8 ware based on U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
9 tion’s global travel targeting and analysis systems
10 and the Department of State’s watchlisting, identi-
11 fication, and screening systems in order to facilitate
12 the vetting of travelers against terrorist watchlists
13 and law enforcement databases, enhance border
14 management, and improve targeting and analysis;
15 and

16 (2) may make such software and any related
17 technical assistance or training available to foreign
18 governments or multilateral organizations for such
19 purposes.

20 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 of Homeland Security and Secretary of State shall submit
23 to the appropriate congressional committees a plan to im-
24 plement subsection (a).

25 (c) PROVISION OF SOFTWARE AND CONGRESSIONAL
26 NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 15 days before the open-

1 source software described in subsection (a) is made avail-
2 able to foreign governments or multilateral organizations
3 pursuant to such subsection, the Secretary of Homeland
4 Security and Secretary of State, with the concurrence of
5 the Director of National Intelligence, shall—

6 (1) certify to the appropriate congressional
7 committees that such availability is in the national
8 security interests of the United States; and

9 (2) provide to such committees information on
10 how such software or any related technical assist-
11 ance or training will be made available.

12 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authority pro-
13 vided under this section shall be exercised in accordance
14 with applicable provisions of the Arms Export Control Act
15 (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), the Export Administration Reg-
16 ulations, or any other similar provision of law.

17 (e) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
18 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
19 of this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using
20 amounts otherwise authorized.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
23 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

25 (A) in the House of Representatives—

1 (i) the Committee on Homeland Secu-
2 rity; and

3 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
4 and

5 (B) in the Senate—

6 (i) the Committee on Homeland Secu-
7 rity and Governmental Affairs; and

8 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
9 tions.

10 (2) EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS.—

11 The term “Export Administration Regulations”
12 means—

13 (A) the Export Administration Regulations
14 as maintained and amended under the authority
15 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
16 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and codified
17 in subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code
18 of Federal Regulations; or

19 (B) any successor regulations.

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