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[Report No. 115–604]

To improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

MARCH 19, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Strengthening Local
5 Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR STAKE-
9 HOLDERS.—The term “public and private sector
10 stakeholders” has the meaning given such term in
11 section 114(u)(1)(C) of title 49, United States Code.

12 (2) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSET.—The
13 term “surface transportation asset” includes facili-
14 ties, equipment, or systems used to provide transpor-
15 tation services by—

16 (A) a public transportation agency (as
17 such term is defined in section 1402(5) of the
18 Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11
19 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53;
20 6 U.S.C. 1131(5)));

21 (B) a railroad carrier (as such term is de-
22 fined in section 20102(3) of title 49, United
23 States Code);

24 (C) an owner or operator of—

1 (i) an entity offering scheduled, fixed-
2 route transportation services by over-the-
3 road bus (as such term is defined in sec-
4 tion 1501(4) of the Implementing Rec-
5 ommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act
6 of 2007 (Public Law 110–53; 6 U.S.C.
7 1151(4))); or

8 (ii) a bus terminal; or

9 (D) other transportation facilities, equip-
10 ment, or systems, as determined by the Sec-
11 retary.

12 (3) TRANSPORTATION FACILITY.—The term
13 “transportation facility” means a bus terminal,
14 intercity or commuter passenger rail station, airport,
15 multi-modal transportation center, or other trans-
16 portation facility, as determined by the Secretary of
17 Homeland Security.

18 **SEC. 3. THREAT INFORMATION SHARING.**

19 (a) PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
20 Security shall prioritize the assignment of officers and in-
21 telligence analysts under section 210A of the Homeland
22 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h) from the Transpor-
23 tation Security Administration and the Office of Intel-
24 ligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Se-
25 curity to locations with participating State, local, and re-

1 gional fusion centers in jurisdictions with a high-risk sur-
2 face transportation asset in order to enhance the security
3 of such assets, including by improving timely sharing of
4 classified information regarding terrorist and other
5 threats.

6 (b) INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS.—Officers and intel-
7 ligence analysts assigned to locations with participating
8 State, local, and regional fusion centers under this section
9 shall participate in the generation and dissemination of
10 transportation security intelligence products, with an em-
11 phasis on terrorist and other threats to surface transpor-
12 tation assets that—

13 (1) assist State, local, and tribal law enforce-
14 ment agencies in deploying their resources, including
15 personnel, most efficiently to help detect, prevent,
16 investigate, apprehend, and respond to terrorist and
17 other threats;

18 (2) promote more consistent and timely sharing
19 of threat information among jurisdictions; and

20 (3) enhance the Department of Homeland Secu-
21 rity’s situational awareness of such terrorist and
22 other threats.

23 (c) CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
24 rity shall make available to appropriate owners and opera-
25 tors of surface transportation assets, and any other person

1 that the Secretary determines appropriate to foster great-
2 er sharing of classified information relating to terrorist
3 and other threats to surface transportation assets, the
4 process of application for security clearances under Execu-
5 tive Order 13549 (75 Fed. Reg. 162; relating to a classi-
6 fied national security information program) or any suc-
7 cessor Executive order.

8 **SEC. 4. INTEGRATED AND UNIFIED OPERATIONS CENTERS.**

9 (a) FRAMEWORK.—Not later than 120 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
11 the Transportation Security Administration, in consulta-
12 tion with the heads of other appropriate offices or compo-
13 nents of the Department of Homeland Security, shall
14 make available to public and private sector stakeholders
15 a framework for establishing an integrated and unified op-
16 erations center responsible for overseeing daily operations
17 of a transportation facility that promotes coordination for
18 responses to terrorism, serious incidents, and other pur-
19 poses, as determined appropriate by the Administrator.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
22 Transportation Security Administration shall report to the
23 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
25 and Transportation of the Senate regarding the establish-

1 ment and activities of integrated and unified operations
2 centers at transportation facilities at which the Transpor-
3 tation Security Administration has a presence.

4 **SEC. 5. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TRAINING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity, in consultation with public and private sector stake-
7 holders, may develop, through the Federal Law Enforce-
8 ment Training Centers, a training program to enhance the
9 protection, preparedness, and response capabilities of law
10 enforcement agencies with respect to terrorism and other
11 serious incidents at a surface transportation asset.

12 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Secretary of Homeland
13 Security develops the training program described in sub-
14 section (a), such training program shall—

15 (1) be informed by current information regard-
16 ing terrorist tactics;

17 (2) include tactical instruction tailored to the
18 diverse nature of the surface transportation asset
19 operational environment; and

20 (3) prioritize training officers from law enforce-
21 ment agencies that are eligible for or receive grants
22 under sections 2003 or 2004 of the Homeland Secu-
23 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604 and 605) and offi-
24 cers employed by railroad carriers that operate pas-
25 senger service, including interstate passenger service.

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