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# H. R. 920

To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to require a Caribbean border counternarcotics strategy, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself and Ms. PLASKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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## A BILL

To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to require a Caribbean border counternarcotics strategy, 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 “Caribbean Border  
5 Counternarcotics Strategy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CARIBBEAN BORDER COUNTERNARCOTICS STRAT-**  
2 **EGY ACT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 702 of the Office of Na-  
4 tional Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998  
5 (21 U.S.C. 1701) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through  
7 (17) as paragraphs (16) through (18), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(15) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of  
11 the several States of the United States, the District  
12 of Columbia, and each territory or possession of the  
13 United States.”;

14 (3) by amending paragraph (18), as redesign-  
15 nated—

16 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G)  
17 and (H) as subparagraphs (H) and (I), respec-  
18 tively; and

19 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)  
20 the following:

21 “(G) activities to map, track, dismantle,  
22 and disrupt the financial networks of drug traf-  
23 ficking organizations, transnational criminal or-  
24 ganizations, and money laundering organiza-  
25 tions involved in the manufacture and traf-

1           ficking of drugs in the United States and in  
2           foreign countries;”); and

3           (4) by adding at the end the following:

4           “(19) UNITED STATES.—The term ‘United  
5           States’, when used in a geographical sense, means  
6           all of the States, the District of Columbia, and the  
7           territories and possessions of the United States, and  
8           any waters within the jurisdiction of the United  
9           States.”.

10          (b) REQUIREMENT FOR CARIBBEAN BORDER COUN-  
11          TERNARCOTICS STRATEGY.—Section 706(c)(3) of the Of-  
12          fice of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act  
13          of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705(c)(3)) is amended by adding at  
14          the end the following:

15                       “(D) REQUIREMENT FOR CARIBBEAN BOR-  
16                       DER COUNTERNARCOTICS STRATEGY.—

17                               “(i) PURPOSES.—The Caribbean Bor-  
18                               der Counternarcotics Strategy shall—

19                                       “(I) set forth the strategy of the  
20                                       Federal Government for preventing  
21                                       the illegal trafficking of drugs through  
22                                       the Caribbean region into the United  
23                                       States, including through ports of  
24                                       entry, between ports of entry, and  
25                                       across air and maritime approaches;

1 “(II) state the specific roles and  
2 responsibilities of each relevant Na-  
3 tional Drug Control Program agency  
4 for implementing the strategy;

5 “(III) identify the specific re-  
6 sources required to enable the relevant  
7 National Drug Control Program agen-  
8 cies to implement the strategy; and

9 “(IV) be designed to promote,  
10 and not hinder, legitimate trade and  
11 travel.

12 “(ii) SPECIFIC CONTENT RELATED TO  
13 PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES  
14 VIRGIN ISLANDS.—The Caribbean Border  
15 Counternarcotics Strategy shall include—

16 “(I) a strategy to prevent the il-  
17 legal trafficking of drugs to or  
18 through Puerto Rico and the United  
19 States Virgin Islands, including meas-  
20 ures to substantially reduce drug-re-  
21 lated violent crime on such islands;  
22 and

23 “(II) recommendations for addi-  
24 tional assistance or authorities, if any,  
25 needed by Federal, State, and local

1 law enforcement agencies relating to  
2 the strategy, including an evaluation  
3 of Federal technical and financial as-  
4 sistance, infrastructure capacity build-  
5 ing, and interoperability deficiencies.”.

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