

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4698

AN ACT

To authorize the Joint Task Forces 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Joint Task
3 Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 708 OF THE HOMELAND
5 SECURITY ACT OF 2002.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 708(b) of the Homeland
7 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (9)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (ii) in clause (iii)(II), by adding “and”
13 at the end; and

14 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(iv) a staffing plan for each Joint
17 Task Force;”; and

18 (B) by amending subparagraph (C) to read
19 as follows:

20 “(C) not later than December 23, 2024,
21 and annually thereafter, submit to the commit-
22 tees specified in subparagraph (B) a report con-
23 taining information regarding—

24 “(i) the progress in implementing the
25 outcome-based and other appropriate per-

1 formance metrics established pursuant to
2 subparagraph (A)(iii);

3 “(ii) the staffing plan developed for
4 each Joint Task Force pursuant to sub-
5 paragraph (A)(iv); and

6 “(iii) any modification to the mission,
7 strategic goals, and objectives of each
8 Joint Task Force, and a description of,
9 and rationale for, any such modifica-
10 tions.”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (13), by striking “2024” and
12 inserting “2026”.

13 (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
16 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
17 brief—

18 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
19 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

20 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
21 and Transportation of the Senate;

22 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
23 of the House of Representatives; and

24 (D) the Committee on Transportation and
25 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

1 (2) TOPICS.—Each briefing required under
2 paragraph (1) shall cover the latest staffing and re-
3 source assessment at Joint Task Force-East, includ-
4 ing—

5 (A)(i) a determination of whether the cur-
6 rent staffing levels of Joint Task Force-East
7 are sufficient to successfully advance the mis-
8 sion, strategic goals, and objectives of such
9 Joint Task Force; and

10 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-
11 cient staffing levels, the cost, timeline, and
12 strategy for increasing such staffing levels; and

13 (B)(i) a determination of whether suffi-
14 cient resources are being provided for Joint
15 Task Force-East in accordance with section
16 708(b)(7)(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
17 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)(7)(a)); and

18 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-
19 cient resource levels, the cost, timeline, and

- 1 strategy for providing any remaining resource
- 2 requirements.

Passed the Senate September 19, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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