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AN ACT

To require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs 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 Basic Training
3 Accreditation Improvement Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS OF**
5 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

6 (a) ANNUAL REPORTING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually
9 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
10 report to the relevant congressional committees on
11 the accreditation status for each basic training pro-
12 gram within the Department of Homeland Security,
13 including information relating to the following:

14 (A) The date on which each such program
15 achieved initial accreditation, or in the case of
16 a program that is not currently accredited, the
17 reasons for not obtaining or maintaining ac-
18 creditation, the activities, if any, taken to
19 achieve accreditation, and an anticipated
20 timeline for accreditation of such program.

21 (B) The date each such program most re-
22 cently received accreditation or reaccreditation,
23 if applicable.

24 (C) Each such program’s anticipated ac-
25 creditation or next reaccreditation date.

1 (D) The name of the accreditation man-
2 ager for each such program.

3 (2) TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
4 MENT.—Annual reports under paragraph (1) shall
5 terminate when all basic training programs of the
6 Department of Homeland Security are accredited.

7 (b) LAPSE IN ACCREDITATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a basic training program
9 of the Department of Homeland Security loses ac-
10 creditation, the head of the relevant component of
11 the Department shall notify the Secretary of Home-
12 land Security not later than 30 days after such loss.

13 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
14 days after receiving a notification pursuant to para-
15 graph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
16 notify the relevant congressional committees of the
17 lapse in accreditation at issue, the reason for such
18 lapse, and the activities underway and planned to re-
19 gain accreditation.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ACCREDITATION.—The term “accredita-
22 tion” means the recognition by a board that a basic
23 training program is administered, developed, and de-
24 livered according to an applicable set of standards.

1 (2) ACCREDITATION MANAGER.—The term “ac-
2 creditation manager” means the individual assigned
3 by the component of the Department of Homeland
4 Security to manage accreditation activities for a
5 basic training program.

6 (3) BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term
7 “basic training program” means an entry level pro-
8 gram of the Department of Homeland Security that
9 is transitional to law enforcement service, provides
10 training on critical competencies and responsibilities,
11 and is typically a requirement for appointment to a
12 law enforcement service job or job series.

13 (4) REACCREDITATION.—The term “reaccredi-
14 tation” means the assessment of a basic training
15 program after initial accreditation to ensure the con-
16 tinued compliance with an applicable set of stand-
17 ards.

18 (5) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
19 TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-
20 tees” means the Committee on Homeland Security
21 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
23 Security and Governmental Affairs and the Com-
24 mittee of the Judiciary of the Senate.

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