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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize
a program to assess the threat, vulnerability, and con-
sequences of terrorism or other security threats, as ap-
propriate, to certain events, 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 Special Events
3 Program and Support Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DHS SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
6 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
7 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 890E. SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized within the
10 Department a program to assess the threat, vulnerability,
11 and consequences of terrorism or other security threats,
12 as appropriate, at certain special events in accordance
13 with subsection (b).

14 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The program authorized
15 under subsection (a) shall—

16 “(1) apply to special events that are pre-
17 planned and not designated as National Special Se-
18 curity Events by the Secretary;

19 “(2) include a standard process for Federal,
20 State, local, Tribal, and territorial officials to volun-
21 tarily submit to the Secretary requests for a special
22 event rating that could result in direct support for
23 security and situational awareness for such special
24 event;

25 “(3) maintain a risk-based methodology to as-
26 sess ratings requests, including requests submitted

1 pursuant to paragraph (2), that considers the antici-
2 pated attendance by United States officials or for-
3 eign dignitaries, the size and venue of the special
4 event, credible threats of terrorism or other security
5 threats, and other homeland security information, as
6 appropriate; and

7 “(4) include a process for expedited consider-
8 ation and, where appropriate, a process for the reas-
9 sessment, of a special event rating.

10 “(c) SUPPORT TO SPECIAL EVENTS.—For purposes
11 of protecting a special event described in subsection (b),
12 the Secretary may provide security and situational aware-
13 ness support to a Federal, State, local, Tribal, or terri-
14 torial official at the request of an appropriate Federal,
15 State, local, Tribal, or territorial official.

16 “(d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this section and annu-
18 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
19 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
20 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
21 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the program
22 authorized under subsection (a). Each such report shall
23 include information relating to the following:

24 “(1) The total number of special events sub-
25 mitted to the program authorized under subsection

1 (a) in the prior year, including the number of special
2 events at each rating level.

3 “(2) The total number of events in the prior
4 year for which the Secretary designated a Federal
5 coordinator or coordinated security and situational
6 awareness support, including a summary of Federal
7 support provided.

8 “(3) The total number of requests for special
9 event rating reassessment under subsection (b)(4),
10 including the following:

11 “(A) The identification of the requesting
12 entity.

13 “(B) The special event name, date, and lo-
14 cation.

15 “(C) The initial and final rating deter-
16 mination.

17 “(D) The justification for such final rating
18 determination.

19 “(e) PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than one
20 year after the date of the enactment of this section and
21 every five years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
22 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
23 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
24 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate an assessment of
25 the program authorized under subsection (a).

1 “(f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘home-
2 land security information’ has the meaning given such
3 term in section 892.”.

4 (b) MASS GATHERING RESEARCH.—Not later than
5 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the
7 Undersecretary for Science and Technology of the Depart-
8 ment of Homeland Security and the official responsible for
9 carrying out section 890E of the Homeland Security Act
10 of 2002, as added by subsection (a), shall, to the extent
11 practicable, carry out research and development, including
12 operational testing, of technologies and techniques for en-
13 hancing the Department’s security and situational aware-
14 ness support to Federal, State, local, Tribal, and terri-
15 torial officials relating to mass gatherings consistent with
16 applicable constitutional, privacy, civil rights, and civil lib-
17 erties protections.

18 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is

1 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
2 890D the following new item:

“Sec. 890E. Special events program.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 10,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.