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118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 9460

[Report No. 118–688]

To authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

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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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 708 OF THE HOMELAND**
7 **SECURITY ACT OF 2002.**

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

10 (1) in paragraph (9)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(iv) a staffing plan for each Joint
19 Task Force;”; and

20 (B) by amending subparagraph (C) to read
21 as follows:

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

1 “(i) the progress in implementing the
 2 outcome-based and other appropriate per-
 3 formance metrics established pursuant to
 4 subparagraph (A)(iii);

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

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

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

15 (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—

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

20 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
 21 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

22 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
 23 and Transportation of the Senate;

24 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
 25 of the House of Representatives; and

1 (D) the Committee on Transportation and
2 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

15 (B)(i) a determination of whether suffi-
16 cient resources are being provided for Joint
17 Task Force-East in accordance with section
18 708(b)(7)(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
19 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)(7)(a)); and

20 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-
21 cient resource levels, the cost, timeline, and
22 strategy for providing any remaining resource
23 requirements.

24 (c) REPORT ON JOINT TASK FORCE-EAST HEAD-
25 QUARTERS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the

1 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
2 rity, in consultation with the Commandant of the United
3 States Coast Guard, the Commissioner for U.S. Customs
4 and Border Protection, the Director of U.S. Immigration
5 and Customs Enforcement, and the Administrator of Gen-
6 eral Services, shall submit a report to the congressional
7 committees listed in subsection (b)(1) that analyzes the
8 cost and effectiveness of hosting the Joint Task Force-
9 East headquarters in Portsmouth, Virginia compared to
10 alternative headquarters locations.

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