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To promote education and training to United States diplomatic personnel relating to the Abraham Accords and other normalization agreements with Israel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Promoting Education
5 on the Abraham Accords for Comprehensive Engagement
6 Act” or the “PEACE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) educating relevant Federal officials on the
2 provisions of the Abraham Accords, as well as the
3 provisions of prior normalization agreements with
4 Israel, is essential to advancing the United States
5 commitment to peace, cooperation, and stability in
6 the Middle East;

7 (2) the Secretary of State should ensure that
8 United States diplomats and related personnel work-
9 ing in the region or on related issues receive com-
10 prehensive training on the history, principles, and
11 future applications of the Abraham Accords and
12 other normalization agreements; and

13 (3) the Secretary of State should ensure that
14 United States diplomats are taught about the policy
15 codified in section 104 of the Israel Relations Nor-
16 malization Acts of 2022 and future iterations of the
17 policy as amended.

18 **SEC. 3. ABRAHAM ACCORDS AND NORMALIZATION EDU-**
19 **CATION AND TRAINING.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the policy described
21 in section 2, the Secretary of State may undertake the
22 following:

23 (1) Supplementing existing offerings at the
24 Foreign Service Institute and other relevant Depart-
25 ment of State training facilities with courses focused

1 on the Abraham Accords, peace agreements with
2 Egypt and Jordan, and other such normalization
3 agreements relating to Israel as determined by the
4 Secretary of State. Such courses shall be developed
5 to provide an understanding of these agreements'
6 diplomatic history, implementation strategies, and
7 implications for regional peace.

8 (2) Developing virtual training modules and
9 interactive content accessible by employees and offi-
10 cers of the Department of State worldwide, focused
11 on the principles, history, and diplomatic impacts of
12 these agreements.

13 (b) SCOPE OF TRAINING.—For purposes of training
14 and education activities implementing subsection (a)(2),
15 the Secretary of State shall determine the countries eligi-
16 ble to provide such training in a manner that ensures
17 alignment with current diplomatic landscape and objec-
18 tives.

19 **SEC. 4. FELLOWSHIPS AND EXCHANGES.**

20 The Director General of the Foreign Service is au-
21 thorized to award fellowships or grants to eligible Foreign
22 Service officers participating in programs, projects, or ac-
23 tivities engaging with appropriate counterparts of Abra-
24 ham Accords and other normalization agreement coun-
25 tries, as determined by the Secretary of State pursuant

1 to section 3(b), or engaging with regional organizations
2 in the Middle East, including—

3 (1) short-term and long-term fellowships with
4 educational institutions, nongovernmental organiza-
5 tions, or diplomatic organizations involved in the ne-
6 gotiation and implementation of the Abraham Ac-
7 cords and other agreements; and

8 (2) opportunities to collaborate with regional
9 governmental and non-governmental institutions that
10 are part of the Abraham Accords or have normalized
11 relations with Israel.

12 **SEC. 5. ABRAHAM ACCORDS AND NORMALIZATION ADVI-**
13 **SORY BOARD.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 State shall establish a nonpartisan Abraham Accords and
17 Normalization Advisory Board consisting of 4 individuals
18 with expertise in diplomacy, Middle Eastern studies, inter-
19 faith dialogue, and peace-building.

20 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the Abraham
21 Accords and Normalization Advisory Board shall be ap-
22 pointed as follows:

23 (1) One member each by the Chairperson and
24 Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Af-
25 fairs of the House of Representatives.

1 (2) One member each by the Chairperson and
2 Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Rela-
3 tions of the Senate.

4 (c) DUTIES.—The Board shall be responsible for pro-
5 viding on a unanimous basis independent advice and rec-
6 ommendations on curriculum development, resource man-
7 agement, and strategic planning for education and train-
8 ing curricula within the Foreign Service Institute and the
9 Department of State relating to the Abraham Accords and
10 other normalization agreements.

11 **SEC. 6. STRATEGY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
13 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall develop
14 and submit to the appropriate congressional committees
15 a strategy for the Department of State to implement com-
16 prehensive training and education programs focused on
17 the Abraham Accords and other normalization agreements
18 with Israel.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall include:

20 (1) A plan for integrating education on the
21 Abraham Accords and other normalization agree-
22 ments into existing training frameworks for Foreign
23 Service Officers and other personnel of the Depart-
24 ment of State;

1 (2) A description of the unanimous rec-
2 ommendations of the Abraham Accords and Normal-
3 ization Advisory Board established pursuant to sec-
4 tion 5 and a detailed explanation of any departure
5 from such recommendations in the course of imple-
6 menting the education and training required by this
7 Act.

8 (3) An outline of training requirements and
9 goals to promote the understanding and operational
10 capacity of United States personnel working with or
11 on issues related to Abraham Accords and normal-
12 ization agreements in the relevant countries; and

13 (4) An analysis of the manner and extent to
14 which the implementation of the education and
15 training required by this Act supports the strategy
16 required by section 105 of the Israel Relations Nor-
17 malization Act of 2022 (division Z of the Consoli-
18 dated Appropriations Act, 2022; 22 U.S.C. 8601
19 note).

20 (c) ONGOING REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after
21 the submission of the report required by subsection (a),
22 and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Secretary of State
23 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
24 a report detailing the progress, challenges, and measurable

1 outcomes of the educational initiatives developed pursuant
2 to this Act.

3 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
4 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
5 gressional committees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
7 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives; and

9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
10 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

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