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# H. R. 1693

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AGUILAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, 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 “Reporting Efficiently  
5 to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of 2023”  
6 or the “REPORT Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTY TO REPORT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever an act of terrorism oc-  
3 curs in the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
4 curity, the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal  
5 Bureau of Investigation, and, as appropriate, the head of  
6 the National Counterterrorism Center, shall submit to the  
7 appropriate congressional committees, by not later than  
8 one year after the completion of the investigation con-  
9 cerning such act by the primary Government agency con-  
10 ducting such investigation, an unclassified report (which  
11 may be accompanied by a classified annex) concerning  
12 such act. Such unclassified report shall be posted on a  
13 publicly available website of such primary Government  
14 agency.

15 (b) CONTENT OF REPORTS.—A report under this sec-  
16 tion shall—

17 (1) include a statement of the facts of the act  
18 of terrorism referred to in subsection (a), as known  
19 at the time of the report;

20 (2) identify any gaps in homeland or national  
21 security that could be addressed to prevent future  
22 acts of terrorism; and

23 (3) include any recommendations for additional  
24 measures that could be taken to improve homeland  
25 or national security, including recommendations re-  
26 lating to potential changes in law enforcement prac-

1 tices or changes in law, with particular attention to  
2 changes that could help prevent future acts of ter-  
3 rorism.

4 (c) EXCEPTION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Home-  
6 land Security, the Attorney General, the Director of  
7 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or, as appro-  
8 priate, the head of the National Counterterrorism  
9 Center determines any information described in sub-  
10 section (b) required to be reported in accordance  
11 with subsection (a) could jeopardize an ongoing in-  
12 vestigation or prosecution, the Secretary, Attorney  
13 General, Director, or head, as the case may be—

14 (A) may withhold from reporting such in-  
15 formation; and

16 (B) shall notify the appropriate congres-  
17 sional committees of such determination.

18 (2) SAVING PROVISION.—Withholding of infor-  
19 mation pursuant to a determination under para-  
20 graph (1) shall not affect in any manner the respon-  
21 sibility to submit a report required under subsection  
22 (a) containing other information described in sub-  
23 section (b) not subject to such determination.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) ACT OF TERRORISM.—The term “act of ter-  
2           rorism” has the meaning given such term in section  
3           3077 of title 18, United States Code.

4           (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
5           TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
6           mittees” means—

7                   (A) in the House of Representatives—

8                           (i) the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
9                           rity;

10                           (ii) the Committee on the Judiciary;

11                           and

12                           (iii) the Permanent Select Committee  
13                           on Intelligence; and

14                   (B) in the Senate—

15                           (i) the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
16                           rity and Governmental Affairs;

17                           (ii) the Committee on the Judiciary;

18                           and

19                           (iii) the Select Committee on Intel-  
20                           ligence.

21           (e) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the  
22           date that is five years after the date of the enactment of  
23           this Act.

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