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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2021

Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Local
3 Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **DOMESTIC TERRORISM.**—The term “domes-
7 tic terrorism” has the meaning given such term in
8 section 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

9 (2) **INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.**—The term
10 “international terrorism” has the meaning given
11 such term in section 2331 of title 18, United States
12 Code.

13 (3) **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR STAKE-**
14 **HOLDERS.**—The term “public and private sector
15 stakeholders” has the meaning given such term in
16 section 114(u)(1)(C) of title 49, United States Code.

17 (4) **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSET.**—The
18 term “surface transportation asset” includes facili-
19 ties, equipment, or systems used to provide transpor-
20 tation services by—

21 (A) a public transportation agency (as
22 such term is defined in section 1402(5) of the
23 Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11
24 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53;
25 6 U.S.C. 1131(5)));

1 (B) a railroad carrier (as such term is de-
2 fined in section 20102(3) of title 49, United
3 States Code);

4 (C) an owner or operator of—

5 (i) an entity offering scheduled, fixed-
6 route transportation services by over-the-
7 road bus (as such term is defined in sec-
8 tion 1501(4) of the Implementing Rec-
9 ommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act
10 of 2007 (Public Law 110–53; 6 U.S.C.
11 1151(4)); or

12 (ii) a bus terminal; or

13 (D) other transportation facilities, equip-
14 ment, or systems, as determined by the Sec-
15 retary.

16 (5) TARGETED VIOLENCE.—The term “targeted
17 violence” means an incident of violence in which an
18 attacker selected a particular target in order to in-
19 flict mass injury or death with no discernable polit-
20 ical or ideological motivation beyond mass injury or
21 death.

22 (6) TERRORISM.—The term “terrorism” means
23 domestic terrorism and international terrorism.

1 **SEC. 3. THREAT INFORMATION SHARING.**

2 (a) **PRIORITIZATION.**—The Secretary of Homeland
3 Security shall prioritize the assignment of officers and in-
4 telligence analysts under section 210A of the Homeland
5 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h) from the Transpor-
6 tation Security Administration and, as appropriate, from
7 the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department
8 of Homeland Security, to locations with participating
9 State, local, and regional fusion centers in jurisdictions
10 with a high-risk surface transportation asset in order to
11 enhance the security of such assets, including by improv-
12 ing timely sharing of information regarding threats of ter-
13 rorism and other threats, including targeted violence.

14 (b) **INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS.**—Officers and intel-
15 ligence analysts assigned to locations with participating
16 State, local, and regional fusion centers under this section
17 shall participate in the generation and dissemination of
18 transportation security intelligence products, with an em-
19 phasis on such products that relate to threats of terrorism
20 and other threats, including targeted violence, to surface
21 transportation assets that—

22 (1) assist State, local, and Tribal law enforce-
23 ment agencies in deploying their resources, including
24 personnel, most efficiently to help detect, prevent,
25 investigate, apprehend, and respond to such threats;

1 (2) promote more consistent and timely sharing
2 with and among jurisdictions of threat information;
3 and

4 (3) enhance the Department of Homeland Secu-
5 rity's situational awareness of such threats.

6 (c) CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
7 rity shall make available to appropriate owners and opera-
8 tors of surface transportation assets, and to any other per-
9 son that the Secretary determines appropriate to foster
10 greater sharing of classified information relating to
11 threats of terrorism and other threats, including targeted
12 violence, to surface transportation assets, the process of
13 application for security clearances under Executive Order
14 No. 13549 (75 Fed. Reg. 162; relating to a classified na-
15 tional security information program) or any successor Ex-
16 ecutive order.

17 **SEC. 4. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TRAINING.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
19 rity, in consultation with public and private sector stake-
20 holders, may develop, through the Federal Law Enforce-
21 ment Training Centers, a training program to enhance the
22 protection, preparedness, and response capabilities of law
23 enforcement agencies with respect to threats of terrorism
24 and other threats, including targeted violence, at a surface
25 transportation asset.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Secretary of Homeland
2 Security develops the training program described in sub-
3 section (a), such training program shall—

4 (1) be informed by current information regard-
5 ing tactics used by terrorists and others engaging in
6 targeted violence;

7 (2) include tactical instruction tailored to the
8 diverse nature of the surface transportation asset
9 operational environment; and

10 (3) prioritize training officers from law enforce-
11 ment agencies that are eligible for or receive grants
12 under sections 2003 or 2004 of the Homeland Secu-
13 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604 and 605) and offi-
14 cers employed by railroad carriers that operate pas-
15 senger service, including interstate passenger service.

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