

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3224

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Countering Weapons
3 of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUN-**
5 **TERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**
6 **OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND**
7 **SECURITY.**

8 (a) EXTENSION.—

9 (1) TERMINATION DATE.—Section 1901 of the
10 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 591) is
11 amended by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
12 following new subsection:

13 “(e) TERMINATION.—The Office shall terminate on
14 the date that is two years after the date of the enactment
15 of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Exten-
16 sion Act of 2023.”.

17 (2) EXCEPTION.—The termination date speci-
18 fied in subsection (e) of section 1901 of the Home-
19 land Security Act of 2002, as amended by para-
20 graph (1), shall not apply to sections 1931 and 1932
21 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
22 597 and 597a; relating to the Chief Medical Officer
23 and the medical countermeasures program of the
24 Department of Homeland Security).

25 (b) ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—

1 (1) EMPLOYEE MORALE.—Not later than 180
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Assistant Secretary for the Countering Weapons of
4 Mass Destruction Office of the Department of
5 Homeland Security shall submit a report to and
6 brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
9 Senate regarding an employee engagement action
10 plan and strategy to continuously improve morale
11 within the Office.

12 (2) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later than
13 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
14 the Comptroller General of the United States shall
15 conduct a review of and brief the Committee on
16 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
18 ernmental Affairs of the Senate regarding the fol-
19 lowing with respect to the Countering Weapons of
20 Mass Destruction Office of the Department of
21 Homeland Security:

22 (A) The efforts of the Office to prioritize
23 the programs and activities that carry out the
24 mission of the Office, including research and
25 development.

1 (B) The consistency and effectiveness of
2 the Office’s stakeholder coordination across the
3 mission of the Department, including oper-
4 ational and support components of the Depart-
5 ment and State and local entities.

6 (C) The efforts of the Office to manage
7 and coordinate the lifecycle of research and de-
8 velopment within the Office and with other
9 components of the Department, including the
10 Science and Technology Directorate.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,
2023.

Attest:

Clerk.

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