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H. R. 7915

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Department of Homeland Security’s oversight of certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2024

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Over-
5 sight of DHS Intelligence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED DHS OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN INTEL-**
7 **LIGENCE MATTERS.**

8 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended—

1 (1) paragraph (9) of section 201(d) (6 U.S.C.
2 121(d))—

3 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
4 “and” after the semicolon;

5 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
6 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following new
8 subparagraph:

9 “(C) any intelligence information under
10 this Act is shared, retained, and disseminated
11 consistent with the protection of privacy rights,
12 civil rights, and civil liberties, as determined,
13 respectively, by the Chief Privacy Officer and
14 the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Lib-
15 erties.”;

16 (2) in subsection (a) of section 222 (6 U.S.C.
17 142)—

18 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “and”
19 after the semicolon;

20 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
21 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraph:

24 “(7) coordinating with the Under Secretary for
25 Intelligence and Analysis to—

1 “(A) ensure that any intelligence informa-
2 tion under this Act is shared, retained, and dis-
3 seminated in a manner consistent with the pro-
4 tection of the privacy rights; and

5 “(B) provide training to intelligence per-
6 sonnel on privacy rights, regulations, and infor-
7 mation practices as specified in section 552a of
8 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred
9 to as the ‘Privacy Act of 1974’) and other rel-
10 evant laws, with a focus on personnel who have
11 authority to disseminate information analyzed
12 by the Department pursuant to paragraph (6)
13 of section 201(d) or the responsibility to review
14 information to be disseminated pursuant to
15 such paragraph (6).”; and

16 (3) in subsection (a) of section 705 (6 U.S.C.
17 345)—

18 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “and”
19 after the semicolon;

20 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
21 riod and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraph:

24 “(7) coordinate with the Under Secretary for
25 Intelligence and Analysis to—

1 “(A) ensure that any intelligence informa-
2 tion under this Act is shared, retained, and dis-
3 seminated in a manner consistent with the pro-
4 tection of civil rights and civil liberties; and

5 “(B) provide training to intelligence per-
6 sonnel on civil rights and civil liberties, with a
7 focus on personnel who have authority to dis-
8 seminate information analyzed by the Depart-
9 ment pursuant to paragraph (6) of section
10 201(d) or the responsibility to review informa-
11 tion to be disseminated pursuant to such para-
12 graph.”.

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