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# H. R. 9481

To establish the Northern Border Coordination Center, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. MOLINARO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Improving Coordina-  
5 tion for the Northern Border Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATION CENTER.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
9 establish the Northern Border Coordination Center.

1           (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Center shall be  
2 to serve as the Department’s forward deployed centralized  
3 coordination center for operations, domain awareness, in-  
4 formation sharing, intelligence, training, and stakeholder  
5 engagement with Federal, State, Tribal, local, and inter-  
6 national government partners along the northern border  
7 of the United States. The Center shall be placed along  
8 the northern border at a location that is collocated with  
9 an existing U.S. Border Patrol sector headquarters, Air  
10 and Marine Operations branch, and United States Coast  
11 Guard air station, and other facility at which Department  
12 activities are carried out.

13           (c) FUNCTIONS.—The Center shall perform the func-  
14 tions described in this subsection in addition to any other  
15 functions assigned by the Secretary.

16           (1) NORTHERN BORDER STRATEGY.—The Cen-  
17 ter, in collaboration with relevant offices and compo-  
18 nents of the Department, shall—

19                   (A) serve as a coordination mechanism for  
20 operational components for the implementation,  
21 evaluation, and updating of the Northern Bor-  
22 der Strategy and any successor strategy; and

23                   (B) support the development of best prac-  
24 tices and policies for personnel along the north-  
25 ern border to support such implementation.

1           (2) TRAINING.—The Center shall serve as a  
2 training location to support the delivery of training  
3 or exercises for Department personnel and Federal,  
4 State, Tribal, local, and international government  
5 partners.

6           (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7           (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the  
8 Northern Border Coordination Center established  
9 pursuant to subsection (a).

10           (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”  
11 means the Department of Homeland Security.

12           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

14           (e) LIMITATION.—The Center established pursuant  
15 to subsection (a) shall be established separate and distinct  
16 from the Secretary’s authorities under section 708 of the  
17 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348).

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