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118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9460

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and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Homeland Security.

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# A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Joint Task  
5 Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 708 OF THE HOMELAND**  
7 **SECURITY ACT OF 2002.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 708(b) of the Homeland  
9 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (9)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at  
4 the end;

5 (ii) in clause (iii)(II), by adding “and”  
6 at the end; and

7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(iv) a staffing plan for each Joint  
10 Task Force;”; and

11 (B) by amending subparagraph (C) to read  
12 as follows:

13 “(C) not later than December 23, 2024,  
14 and annually thereafter, submit to the commit-  
15 tees specified in subparagraph (B) a report con-  
16 taining information regarding—

17 “(i) the progress in implementing the  
18 outcome-based and other appropriate per-  
19 formance metrics established pursuant to  
20 subparagraph (A)(iii);

21 “(ii) the staffing plan developed for  
22 each Joint Task Force pursuant to sub-  
23 paragraph (A)(iv); and

24 “(iii) any modification to the mission,  
25 strategic goals, and objectives of each

1           Joint Task Force, and a description of,  
2           and rationale for, any such modifica-  
3           tions.”; and

4           (2) in paragraph (13), by striking “2024” and  
5           inserting “2026”.

6           (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
8           the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
9           thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
10          brief—

11           (A) the Committee on Homeland Security  
12           and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

13           (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
14           and Transportation of the Senate;

15           (C) the Committee on Homeland Security  
16           of the House of Representatives; and

17           (D) the Committee on Transportation and  
18           Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

19           (2) TOPICS.—Each briefing required under  
20           paragraph (1) shall cover the latest staffing and re-  
21           source assessment at Joint Task Force-East, includ-  
22           ing—

23           (A)(i) a determination of whether the cur-  
24           rent staffing levels of Joint Task Force-East  
25           are sufficient to successfully advance the mis-

1 sion, strategic goals, and objectives of such  
2 Joint Task Force; and

3 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-  
4 cient staffing levels, the cost, timeline, and  
5 strategy for increasing such staffing levels; and

6 (B)(i) a determination of whether suffi-  
7 cient resources are being provided for Joint  
8 Task Force-East in accordance with section  
9 708(b)(7)(a) of the Homeland Security Act of  
10 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)(7)(a)); and

11 (ii) if such determination reveals insuffi-  
12 cient resource levels, the cost, timeline, and  
13 strategy for providing any remaining resource  
14 requirements.

15 (c) REPORT ON JOINT TASK FORCE-EAST HEAD-  
16 QUARTERS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the  
17 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
18 rity, in consultation with the Commandant of the United  
19 States Coast Guard, the Commissioner for U.S. Customs  
20 and Border Protection, the Director of U.S. Immigration  
21 and Customs Enforcement, and the Administrator of Gen-  
22 eral Services, shall submit a report to the congressional  
23 committees listed in subsection (b)(1) that analyzes the  
24 cost and effectiveness of hosting the Joint Task Force-

- 1 East headquarters in Portsmouth, Virginia compared to
- 2 alternative headquarters locations.