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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish stronger accountability mechanisms for Joint Task Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CORREA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish stronger accountability mechanisms for Joint Task Forces, 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 Force
5 Reauthorization Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. JOINT TASK FORCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **HOMELAND SECURITY.**

3 Subsection (b) of section 708 of the Homeland Secu-
4 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348) is amended—

5 (1) by amending paragraph (8) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(8) JOINT TASK FORCE STAFF.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each Joint Task
9 Force shall have a staff, composed of officials
10 from relevant components and offices of the De-
11 partment, to assist the Director of such Joint
12 Task Force in carrying out the mission and re-
13 sponsibilities of such Joint Task Force.

14 “(B) REPORT.—The Secretary shall in-
15 clude in the report submitted under paragraph
16 (6)(F)—

17 “(i) the number of personnel perma-
18 nently assigned to each Joint Task Force
19 by each component and office; and

20 “(ii) the number of personnel assigned
21 on a temporary basis to each Joint Task
22 Force by each component and office.”;

23 (2) in paragraph (9)—

24 (A) in the heading, by inserting “MISSION
25 AND” after “ESTABLISHMENT OF”;

1 (B) by amending subparagraph (A) to read
2 as follows:

3 “(A) using leading practices in perform-
4 ance management and lessons learned by other
5 law enforcement task forces and joint oper-
6 ations, establish—

7 “(i) the mission, strategic goals, and
8 objectives of each Joint Task Force;

9 “(ii) the criteria for terminating each
10 Joint Task Force; and

11 “(iii) outcome-based and other appro-
12 priate performance metrics to evaluate the
13 effectiveness of each Joint Task Force with
14 respect to the mission, strategic goals, and
15 objectives established pursuant to clause
16 (i), including—

17 “(I) targets for each such Joint
18 Task Force to achieve by not later
19 than one and three years after such
20 establishment; and

21 “(II) a description of the meth-
22 odology used to establish such
23 metrics;”;

24 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) by striking “date of the enactment
2 of this section” and insert “date of the en-
3 actment of the DHS Joint Task Forces
4 Reauthorization Act of 2022”;

5 (ii) by inserting “mission, strategic
6 goals, objectives, and” before “metrics”;
7 and

8 (iii) by striking the period at the end
9 and inserting “; and”; and

10 (D) by amending subparagraph (C) to read
11 as follows:

12 “(C) not later than one year after the date
13 of the enactment of the DHS Joint Task
14 Forces Reauthorization Act of 2022 and annu-
15 ally thereafter, submit to the committees speci-
16 fied in subparagraph (B) a report that contains
17 information on the progress in implementing
18 the outcome-based and other appropriate per-
19 formance metrics established pursuant to sub-
20 paragraph (A)(iii).”;

21 (3) in paragraph (11)—

22 (A) in the heading, by inserting “OR TER-
23 MINATION” after “FORMATION”; and

24 (B) by amending subparagraph (A) to read
25 as follows:

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90
2 days before establishing or terminating a Joint
3 Task Force under this subsection, the Secretary
4 shall submit to the majority leader of the Sen-
5 ate, the minority leader of the Senate, the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
7 majority leader of the House of Representa-
8 tives, the minority leader of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives, and the Committee on Homeland
10 Security and the Committee on Transportation
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
12 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee
14 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
15 the Senate a notification regarding such estab-
16 lishment or termination, as the case may be.
17 The contents of any such notification shall in-
18 clude the following:

19 “(i) The criteria and conditions re-
20 quired to establish or terminate the Joint
21 Task Force at issue.

22 “(ii) The primary mission, strategic
23 goals, objectives, and plan of operations of
24 such Joint Task Force.

1 “(iii) If such notification is a notifica-
2 tion of termination, information on the ef-
3 fectiveness of such Joint Task Force as
4 measured by the outcome-based perform-
5 ance metrics and other appropriate per-
6 formance metrics established pursuant to
7 paragraph (9)(A)(iii).

8 “(iv) The funding and resources re-
9 quired to establish or terminate such Joint
10 Task Force.

11 “(v) The number of personnel perma-
12 nently assigned to such Joint Task Force
13 from each component or office.

14 “(vi) The number of personnel as-
15 signed on a temporary basis to such Joint
16 Task Force from each component or office.

17 “(vii) If such notification is a notifica-
18 tion of establishment, the anticipated costs
19 of establishing and operating such Joint
20 Task Force.

21 “(viii) If such notification is a notifi-
22 cation of termination, funding allocated in
23 the immediately preceding fiscal year to
24 such Joint Task Force for—

1 “(I) operations notwithstanding
2 such termination; and

3 “(II) activities associated with
4 such termination.

5 “(ix) The anticipated establishment or
6 termination date of such Joint Task Force,
7 as the case may be.”;

8 (4) in paragraph (12)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) by striking “January 31, 2018,
11 and January 31, 2021, the Inspector Gen-
12 eral of the Department” and inserting
13 “one year after the date of the enactment
14 of the DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthor-
15 ization Act of 2022, the Comptroller Gen-
16 eral of the United States”; and

17 (ii) by inserting “an assessment of the
18 effectiveness of the Secretary’s utilization
19 of the authority provided under this section
20 for the purposes set forth in subsection
21 (b)(2) as among the range of options avail-
22 able to the Secretary to conduct joint oper-
23 ations among departmental components
24 and offices and” before “a review of the
25 Joint Task Forces”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
3 by striking “reviews” and inserting “re-
4 view”; and

5 (ii) by amending clauses (i) and (ii) to
6 read as follows:

7 “(i) an assessment of methodology
8 utilized to determine whether to establish
9 or terminate each Joint Task Force; and

10 “(ii) an assessment of the effective-
11 ness of oversight over each Joint Task
12 Force with specificity regarding the Sec-
13 retary’s utilization of outcome-based or
14 other appropriate performance metrics es-
15 tablished pursuant to paragraph (9)(A)(iii)
16 to evaluate the effectiveness of each Joint
17 Task Force in measuring progress with re-
18 spect to the mission, strategic goals, and
19 objectives established pursuant to para-
20 graph (9)(A)(i) of such Joint Task
21 Force.”; and

22 (5) in paragraph (13), by striking “2022” and
23 inserting “2024”.