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117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5616

[Report No. 117-244, Part I]

To require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Mrs. DEMINGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Additional sponsor: Ms. UNDERWOOD

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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 “DHS Basic Training
5 Accreditation Improvement Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS OF**
7 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

8 (a) ANNUAL REPORTING.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually
11 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
12 report to the relevant congressional committees on
13 the accreditation status for each basic training pro-
14 gram within the Department of Homeland Security,
15 including information relating to the following:

16 (A) The date on which each such program
17 achieved initial accreditation, or in the case of
18 a program that is not currently accredited, the
19 reasons for not obtaining or maintaining ac-
20 creditation, the activities, if any, taken to
21 achieve accreditation, and an anticipated
22 timeline for accreditation of such program.

23 (B) The date each such program most re-
24 cently received accreditation or reaccreditation,
25 if applicable.

1 (C) Each such program’s anticipated ac-
2 creditation or next reaccreditation date.

3 (D) The name of the accreditation man-
4 ager for each such program.

5 (2) TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
6 MENT.—Annual reports under paragraph (1) shall
7 terminate when all basic training programs of the
8 Department of Homeland Security are accredited.

9 (b) LAPSE IN ACCREDITATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a basic training program
11 of the Department of Homeland Security loses ac-
12 creditation, the head of the relevant component of
13 the Department shall notify the Secretary of Home-
14 land Security not later than 30 days after such loss.

15 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
16 days after receiving a notification pursuant to para-
17 graph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
18 notify the relevant congressional committees of the
19 lapse in accreditation at issue, the reason for such
20 lapse, and the activities underway and planned to re-
21 gain accreditation.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) ACCREDITATION.—The term “accredita-
24 tion” means the recognition by a board that a basic

1 training program is administered, developed, and de-
2 livered according to an applicable set of standards.

3 (2) ACCREDITATION MANAGER.—The term “ac-
4 creditation manager” means the individual assigned
5 by the component of the Department of Homeland
6 Security to manage accreditation activities for a
7 basic training program.

8 (3) BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term
9 “basic training program” means an entry level pro-
10 gram of the Department of Homeland Security that
11 is transitional to law enforcement service, provides
12 training on critical competencies and responsibilities,
13 and is typically a requirement for appointment to a
14 law enforcement service job or job series.

15 (4) REACCREDITATION.—The term “reaccredi-
16 tation” means the assessment of a basic training
17 program after initial accreditation to ensure the con-
18 tinued compliance with an applicable set of stand-
19 ards.

20 (5) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-
22 tees” means the Committee on Homeland Security
23 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
24 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
25 the Senate.

1 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

2 The Under Secretary for Science and Technology of
3 the Department of Homeland Security shall carry out re-
4 search and development of systems and technologies to en-
5 hance access to training offered by the Federal Law En-
6 forcement Training Centers to State, local, Tribal, and
7 territorial law enforcement, with particular attention to
8 law enforcement in rural and remote communities, for the
9 purpose of enhancing domestic preparedness for and col-
10 lective response to terrorism and other homeland security
11 threats.

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