

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5206

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## AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Office of Biometric Identity Management, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Office of Biometric  
3 Identity Management Authorization Act of 2018” or the  
4 “OBIM Authorization Act of 2018”.

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF BIOMETRIC**  
6 **IDENTITY MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-  
8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by  
9 adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 710. OFFICE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTITY MANAGEMENT.**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Office of Biometric  
12 Identity Management is established within the Manage-  
13 ment Directorate of the Department.

14 “(b) DIRECTOR.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Biometric  
16 Identity Management shall be administered by the  
17 Director of the Office of Biometric Identity Manage-  
18 ment (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’)  
19 who shall report to the Secretary, or to another offi-  
20 cial of the Department, as the Secretary may direct.

21 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.—The Di-  
22 rector shall—

23 “(A) have significant professional manage-  
24 ment experience, as well as experience in the  
25 field of biometrics and identity management;

1           “(B) lead the Department’s biometric iden-  
2           tity services to support anti-terrorism, counter-  
3           terrorism, border security, credentialing, na-  
4           tional security, and public safety;

5           “(C) enable operational missions across the  
6           Department by receiving, matching, storing,  
7           sharing, and analyzing biometric and associated  
8           biographic and encounter data;

9           “(D) deliver biometric identity information  
10          and analysis capabilities to—

11                 “(i) the Department and its compo-  
12                 nents;

13                 “(ii) appropriate Federal, State, local,  
14                 and tribal agencies;

15                 “(iii) appropriate foreign govern-  
16                 ments; and

17                 “(iv) appropriate private sector enti-  
18                 ties;

19           “(E) support the law enforcement, public  
20           safety, national security, and homeland security  
21           missions of other Federal, State, local, and trib-  
22           al agencies, as appropriate;

23           “(F) manage the operation of the Depart-  
24           ment’s primary biometric repository and identi-  
25           fication system;

1           “(G) manage Biometric Support Centers  
2           to provide biometric identification and  
3           verification analysis and services to the Depart-  
4           ment, appropriate Federal, State, local, and  
5           tribal agencies, appropriate foreign govern-  
6           ments, and appropriate private sector entities;

7           “(H) oversee the implementation of De-  
8           partment-wide standards for biometric con-  
9           formity, and work to make such standards Gov-  
10          ernment-wide;

11          “(I) in coordination with the Department’s  
12          Office of Policy, and in consultation with rel-  
13          evant component offices and headquarters of-  
14          fices, enter into data sharing agreements with  
15          appropriate Federal, State, local, and foreign  
16          agencies to support immigration, law enforce-  
17          ment, national security, and public safety mis-  
18          sions;

19          “(J) maximize interoperability with other  
20          Federal, State, local, and foreign biometric sys-  
21          tems, as appropriate;

22          “(K) ensure the activities of the Office of  
23          Biometric Identity Management are carried out  
24          in compliance with the policies and procedures

1 established by the Privacy Officer appointed  
2 under section 222; and

3 “(L) carry out other duties and powers  
4 prescribed by law or delegated by the Secretary.

5 “(c) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—There shall be in the Of-  
6 fice of Biometric Identity Management a Deputy Director,  
7 who shall assist the Director in the management of the  
8 Office.

9 “(d) OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may establish  
11 such other offices within the Office of Biometric  
12 Identity Management as the Director determines  
13 necessary to carry out the missions, duties, func-  
14 tions, and authorities of the Office.

15 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the Director exercises  
16 the authority provided by paragraph (1), the Direc-  
17 tor shall notify the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
18 rity of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
19 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-  
20 fairs of the Senate not later than 30 days before ex-  
21 ercising such authority.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
23 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is

- 1 amended by adding after the item relating to section 709
- 2 the following new item:

“Sec. 710. Office of Biometric Identity Management.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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