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# H. R. 4569

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KATKO, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. RUTHERFORD) 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 “Counterterrorism In-  
5 formation Sharing Improvement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. COUNTERTERRORISM INFORMATION SHARING CO-**  
7 **ORDINATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting though the  
9 Secretary of Homeland Security, shall ensure that, for

1 counterterrorism purposes, the Department of the Home-  
2 land Security has access to biographic and biometric data  
3 collected by the United States Government on individuals  
4 associated with a terrorist organization.

5 (b) COORDINATION.—The President shall direct the  
6 heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies to co-  
7 ordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security to mini-  
8 mize and overcome any administrative, technical, capacity,  
9 or classification challenges to carrying out subsection (a).

10 (c) PROTECTIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
11 curity shall ensure that all relevant laws, rules, and proce-  
12 dures, including the section 552(a) of title 5, United  
13 States Code (commonly referred to as the “Privacy Act”  
14 or the “Privacy Act of 1974”), regarding classification lev-  
15 els and civil rights and civil liberties are followed while  
16 seeking to carry out subsection (a).

17 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
20 of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the pro-  
21 tection of classified information, submit to the Com-  
22 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
24 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report  
25 on the implementation of this section.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under  
2 paragraph (1) shall include a description of how the  
3 data referred to in subsection (a) is utilized for De-  
4 partment of Homeland Security screening and vet-  
5 ting purposes and any challenges associated with in-  
6 corporating such data into departmental screening  
7 and vetting systems.

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