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2D SESSION

H. R. 4569

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require counterterrorism information sharing
coordination, 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 “Counterterrorism In-
3 formation Sharing Improvement Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. COUNTERTERRORISM INFORMATION SHARING CO-**
5 **ORDINATION.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, acting through the
7 Secretary of Homeland Security, shall ensure that, for
8 counterterrorism purposes, the Department of the Home-
9 land Security has access to biographic and biometric data
10 collected by the United States Government on individuals
11 associated with a terrorist organization.

12 (b) **COORDINATION.**—The President shall direct the
13 heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies to co-
14 ordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security to mini-
15 mize and overcome any administrative, technical, capacity,
16 or classification challenges to carrying out subsection (a).

17 (c) **PROTECTIONS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
18 curity shall ensure that all relevant laws, rules, and proce-
19 dures, including the section 552(a) of title 5, United
20 States Code (commonly referred to as the “Privacy Act”
21 or the “Privacy Act of 1974”), regarding classification lev-
22 els and civil rights and civil liberties are followed while
23 seeking to carry out subsection (a).

24 (d) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—

25 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after
26 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the pro-
2 tection of classified information, submit to the Com-
3 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
5 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report
6 on the implementation of this section.

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

Passed the House of Representatives January 9,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.