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H. R. 4263

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. SWALWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Social Media Working
5 Group Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
3 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 318. SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
7 lish within the Department a social media working group
8 (in this section referred to as the ‘Group’).

9 “(b) PURPOSE.—In order to enhance information
10 sharing between the Department and appropriate stake-
11 holders, the Group shall provide guidance and best prac-
12 tices to the emergency preparedness and response commu-
13 nity on the use of social media technologies before, during,
14 and after a terrorist attack.

15 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for
17 Science and Technology shall serve as the permanent
18 chairperson of the Group, and shall designate, on a
19 rotating basis, a representative from a State or local
20 government who is a member of the Group to serve
21 as co-chairperson. Membership of the Group shall be
22 composed of a cross section of subject matter ex-
23 perts from Federal, State, local, tribal, and non-
24 governmental organization practitioners, including
25 representatives from the following entities:

1 “(A) The Office of Public Affairs of the
2 Department.

3 “(B) The Office of the Chief Information
4 Officer of the Department.

5 “(C) The Privacy Office of the Depart-
6 ment.

7 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
8 Agency.

9 “(E) The American Red Cross.

10 “(F) The United States Forest Service.

11 “(G) The Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention.

13 “(H) The United States Geological Survey.

14 “(I) The National Oceanic and Atmos-
15 pheric Administration.

16 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Under Sec-
17 retary for Science and Technology shall appoint, on
18 a rotating basis, qualified individuals to the Group.
19 The total number of such additional members
20 shall—

21 “(A) be equal to or greater than the total
22 number of regular members under paragraph
23 (1); and

24 “(B) include—

1 “(i) not fewer than three representa-
2 tives from the private sector; and
3 “(ii) representatives from—
4 “(I) State, local, and tribal enti-
5 ties, including from—
6 “(aa) law enforcement;
7 “(bb) fire services;
8 “(cc) emergency manage-
9 ment services; and
10 “(dd) public health entities;
11 “(II) universities and academia;
12 and
13 “(III) non-profit disaster relief
14 organizations.
15 “(d) CONSULTATION WITH NON-MEMBERS.—To the
16 extent practicable, the Group shall work with existing bod-
17 ies in the public and private sectors to carry out subsection
18 (b).
19 “(e) MEETINGS.—
20 “(1) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 90
21 days after the date of the enactment of this section,
22 the Group shall hold its initial meeting. Such initial
23 meeting may be held virtually.
24 “(2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the initial
25 meeting under paragraph (1), the Group shall meet

1 at least twice each year, or at the call of the Chair-
2 person. Such subsequent meetings may be held vir-
3 tually.

4 “(f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACCA.—The Federal
5 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply
6 to the Group.

7 “(g) REPORTS.—Not later than March 30 of each
8 year, the Group shall submit to the appropriate congres-
9 sional committees a report that includes the following:

10 “(1) A review of current and emerging social
11 media technologies being used to support prepared-
12 ness and response activities related to terrorist at-
13 tacks.

14 “(2) A review of best practices and lessons
15 learned on the use of social media during the re-
16 sponse to terrorist attacks that occurred during the
17 period covered by the report at issue.

18 “(3) Recommendations to improve the Depart-
19 ment’s use of social media.

20 “(4) Recommendations to improve information
21 sharing among the Department and its components.

22 “(5) Recommendations to improve information
23 sharing among State and local governments.

1 “(6) A review of available training for Federal,
2 State, local, and tribal officials on the use of social
3 media in response to a terrorist attack.

4 “(7) A summary of coordination efforts with
5 the private sector to discuss and resolve legal, oper-
6 ational, technical, privacy, and security concerns.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
9 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
10 317 the following new item:

 “Sec. 318. Social media working group.”.