

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5681

To authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O’odham Nation as special agents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2021

Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Shadow Wolves En-
5 hancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECLASSIFICATION OF SHADOW WOLVES AS GS-**
2 **1811 SPECIAL AGENTS.**

3 The Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
4 forcement is authorized—

5 (1) to reclassify the GS–1801 tactical enforce-
6 ment officers (commonly known as “Shadow
7 Wolves”) assigned to the Homeland Security Inves-
8 tigation tactical patrol unit operating on the lands
9 of the Tohono O’odham Nation, as of the date of the
10 enactment of this Act, as GS–1811 special agents,
11 upon the successful completion of—

12 (A) the Federal Law Enforcement Train-
13 ing Center’s Criminal Investigator Training
14 Program; and

15 (B)(i) Customs Basic Enforcement School,
16 if the officer was hired before March 2003; or

17 (ii) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
18 forcement Homeland Security Investigations
19 Special Agent Training, if the officer was hired
20 during or after March 2003;

21 (2) to classify any Shadow Wolves who are as-
22 signed to the unit referred to in paragraph (1) after
23 such date of enactment as GS–1811 special agents
24 upon the successful completion of the training de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1); and

1 (3) to classify as GS–1811 special agents upon
2 the successful completion of the training described in
3 paragraph (1) any Shadow Wolves who are hired as
4 part of a comparable unit (regardless of location) es-
5 tablished after such date of enactment with the ap-
6 proval and consent of the appropriate Indian tribe.

7 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF SHADOW WOLVES PROGRAM.**

8 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
10 submit to the Comptroller General of the United States,
11 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
12 Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Homeland
13 Security of the House of Representatives a strategy for—

- 14 (1) retaining existing Shadow Wolves;
15 (2) recruiting new Shadow Wolves; and
16 (3) expanding comparable units referred to in
17 section 2(3) to appropriate areas near the inter-
18 national border between the United States and Can-
19 ada or the international border between the United
20 States and Mexico, with the approval and consent of
21 the appropriate Indian tribe.

22 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT.**

23 Not later than 1 year after receiving the strategy re-
24 quired under section 3 and annually thereafter for the fol-
25 lowing two years, the Comptroller General of the United

1 States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
2 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
3 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
4 tives—

5 (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of such
6 strategy; and

7 (2) any recommendations for improvements to
8 the strategy that the Comptroller General deter-
9 mines to be appropriate.

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