

H.R.4406 - DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act of 2023

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. CORREA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. REPORTING ON BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) ANNUAL REPORTING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall report to the relevant congressional committees on the accreditation status for each basic training program within the Department of Homeland Security, including information relating to the following:

(A) The date on which each such program achieved initial accreditation, or in the case of a program that is not currently accredited, the reasons for not obtaining or maintaining accreditation, the activities, if any, taken to achieve accreditation, and an anticipated timeline for accreditation of such program.

(B) The date each such program most recently received accreditation or reaccreditation, if applicable.

(C) Each such program's anticipated accreditation or next reaccreditation date.

(D) The name of the accreditation manager for each such program.

(2) TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Annual reports under paragraph (1) shall terminate when all basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security are accredited.

(b) LAPSE IN ACCREDITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If a basic training program of the Department of Homeland Security loses accreditation, the head of the relevant component of the Department shall notify the Secretary of Homeland Security not later than 30 days after such loss.

(2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after receiving a notification pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall notify the relevant congressional committees of the lapse in accreditation at issue, the reason for such lapse, and the activities underway and planned to regain accreditation.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ACCREDITATION.—The term “accreditation” means the recognition by a board that a basic training program is administered, developed, and delivered according to an applicable set of standards.

(2) ACCREDITATION MANAGER.—The term “accreditation manager” means the individual assigned by the component of the Department of Homeland Security to manage accreditation activities for a basic training program.

(3) BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term “basic training program” means an entry level program of the Department of Homeland Security that is transitional to law enforcement or law enforcement support, provides training on critical competencies and responsibilities, and is typically a requirement for appointment to a law enforcement or law enforcement support job series.

(4) REACCREDITATION.—The term “reaccreditation” means the assessment of a basic training program after initial accreditation to ensure the continued compliance with an applicable set of standards.

(5) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “relevant congressional committees” means the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee of the Judiciary of the Senate.

SEC. 3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

The Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security shall carry out research and development of systems and technologies to enhance access to training offered by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement, with particular attention to law enforcement in rural and remote communities, for the purpose of enhancing domestic preparedness for and collective response to terrorism and other homeland security threats.
