

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1616

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, 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 “Strengthening State
3 and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COMPUTER**
5 **FORENSICS INSTITUTE OF THE DEPARTMENT**
6 **OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title VIII of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 381 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 822. NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized for fiscal
12 years 2017 through 2022 within the United States Secret
13 Service a National Computer Forensics Institute (in this
14 section referred to as the ‘Institute’). The Institute shall
15 disseminate information related to the investigation and
16 prevention of cyber and electronic crime and related
17 threats, and educate, train, and equip State, local, tribal,
18 and territorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and
19 judges.

20 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Institute
21 shall include the following:

22 “(1) Educating State, local, tribal, and terri-
23 torial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and
24 judges on current—

25 “(A) cyber and electronic crimes and re-
26 lated threats;

1 “(B) methods for investigating cyber and
2 electronic crime and related threats and con-
3 ducting computer and mobile device forensic ex-
4 aminations; and

5 “(C) prosecutorial and judicial challenges
6 related to cyber and electronic crime and re-
7 lated threats, and computer and mobile device
8 forensic examinations.

9 “(2) Training State, local, tribal, and territorial
10 law enforcement officers to—

11 “(A) conduct cyber and electronic crime
12 and related threat investigations;

13 “(B) conduct computer and mobile device
14 forensic examinations; and

15 “(C) respond to network intrusion inci-
16 dents.

17 “(3) Training State, local, tribal, and territorial
18 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on
19 methods to obtain, process, store, and admit digital
20 evidence in court.

21 “(c) PRINCIPLES.—In carrying out the functions
22 specified in subsection (b), the Institute shall ensure, to
23 the extent practicable, that timely, actionable, and rel-
24 evant expertise and information related to cyber and elec-
25 tronic crime and related threats is shared with State, local,

1 tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers and pros-
2 ecutors.

3 “(d) EQUIPMENT.—The Institute may provide State,
4 local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers with
5 computer equipment, hardware, software, manuals, and
6 tools necessary to conduct cyber and electronic crime and
7 related threat investigations and computer and mobile de-
8 vice forensic examinations.

9 “(e) ELECTRONIC CRIME TASK FORCES.—The Insti-
10 tute shall facilitate the expansion of the network of Elec-
11 tronic Crime Task Forces of the United States Secret
12 Service through the addition of State, local, tribal, and
13 territorial law enforcement officers educated and trained
14 at the Institute.

15 “(f) SAVINGS PROVISION.—All authorized activities
16 and functions carried out by the Institute at any location
17 as of the day before the date of the enactment of this sec-
18 tion are authorized to continue to be carried out at any
19 such location on and after such date.”.

20 (b) FUNDING.—For each of fiscal years 2018
21 through 2022, amounts appropriated for United States
22 Secret Service, Operations and Support, may be used to
23 carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

24 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
25 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6

- 1 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item
- 2 relating to section 821 the following new item:

“Sec. 822. National Computer Forensics Institute.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 16, 2017.

Attest:

Clerk.

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