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S. 4326

To authorize the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to pay stipends to members of Transnational Criminal Investigative Units who have been properly vetted.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Transnational Crimi-
5 nal Investigative Unit Stipend Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS**
2 **TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE**
3 **UNITS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
5 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 890C. TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE**
8 **UNITS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall operate
10 Transnational Criminal Investigative Units within United
11 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland
12 Security Investigations.

13 “(b) COMPOSITION.—Each Transnational Criminal
14 Investigative Unit shall be composed of trained foreign law
15 enforcement officials who shall collaborate with Homeland
16 Security Investigations to investigate and prosecute indi-
17 viduals involved in transnational criminal activity.

18 “(c) VETTING REQUIREMENT.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon entry into a
20 Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit, and at
21 periodic intervals while serving in such a unit, for-
22 eign law enforcement officials shall be required to
23 pass certain security evaluations, which may include
24 a background check, a polygraph examination, a uri-
25 nalysis test, or other measures that the Director of

1 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement deter-
2 mines to be appropriate.

3 “(2) REPORT.—The Director of U.S. Immigra-
4 tion and Customs Enforcement shall submit a report
5 to the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
6 ernmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
7 on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
8 tives that describes—

9 “(A) the procedures used for vetting
10 Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit
11 members; and

12 “(B) any additional measures that should
13 be implemented to prevent personnel in vetted
14 units from being compromised by criminal orga-
15 nizations.

16 “(d) MONETARY STIPEND.—The Director of U.S.
17 Immigration and Customs Enforcement is authorized to
18 pay vetted members of a Transnational Criminal Inves-
19 tigative Unit a monetary stipend in an amount associated
20 with their duties dedicated to unit activities.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 for the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. note)
23 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
24 890B the following:

“Sec. 890C. Transnational Criminal Investigative Units.”.