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To require a strategy for United States security assistance to Mexico.

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Mr. SHREVE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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to Mexico.

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 “Mexico Cross-Border
5 Crime Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY FOR UNITED STATES SECURITY ASSIST-**
7 **ANCE TO MEXICO.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
10 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
11 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the

1 House of Representatives a report with a strategy for
2 United States security assistance to Mexico.

3 (b) STRATEGY ELEMENTS.—The strategy required
4 under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

5 (1) A detailed plan for how United States secu-
6 rity assistance will—

7 (A) dismantle transnational criminal net-
8 works that traffic illicit drugs, including
9 fentanyl, into the United States and profit from
10 other criminal activities, including pervasive
11 human trafficking and human smuggling, weap-
12 ons trafficking, cybercrimes, money laundering,
13 and the importation of precursor chemicals to
14 mass-produce illicit drugs;

15 (B) increase the capacity of Mexico's mili-
16 tary and public security institutions to improve
17 security at Mexico's northern and southern bor-
18 ders and degrade transnational criminal organi-
19 zations; and

20 (C) enhance the institutional capacity of
21 civilian law enforcement, prosecutors, and
22 courts to strengthen rule of law, redress public
23 corruption related to the activities and influence
24 of transnational criminal organizations, and
25 combat impunity.

1 (2) A detailed summary of projects and activi-
2 ties to implement the goals of the plan described in
3 paragraph (1), including a list of implementing gov-
4 ernment entities and nongovernmental organizations.

5 (3) A detailed summary of priorities, baselines,
6 milestones, and performance measures that will be
7 used to assess progress towards goals of the plan de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1).

9 (4) A detailed assessment of previous assistance
10 to Mexico under the Mérida Initiative based on the
11 priorities, baselines, milestones, and performance
12 measures developed pursuant to this Act.

13 (5) A detailed monitoring and evaluation plan
14 to assess progress towards the goals of the strategy.

15 (6) A fraud risk assessment for the Department
16 of State's programs under the Bicentennial Frame-
17 work for Security, Public Health, and Safe Commu-
18 nities that identifies inherent fraud risks affecting
19 the programs, assesses the likelihood and impact of
20 inherent fraud risks, determines fraud risk toler-
21 ance, examines the suitability of existing fraud con-
22 trols and prioritizes residual fraud risks, and docu-
23 ments the program's fraud risk profile.

24 (c) BILATERAL COOPERATION REPORTING.—The re-
25 port required under subsection (a) shall include an over-

1 view of bilateral cooperation mechanisms and engagements
2 between the United States Government and the Govern-
3 ment of Mexico, such as diplomatic engagements, security
4 assistance programs, technical assistance, and other forms
5 of cooperation that advance the priorities described in sub-
6 section (b).

7 (d) FORM.—The report and strategy required under
8 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
9 may include a classified annex.

10 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date
11 of the submission of the report and strategy required
12 under subsection (a), and annually thereafter for two
13 years, the Secretary of State shall provide to the Com-
14 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
15 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
16 tives—

17 (1) a written update on progress towards the
18 goals of the strategy; and

19 (2) a briefing on the implementation of the
20 strategy.

21 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
22 may be construed as an authorization for the use of mili-
23 tary force against Mexico or any entity within Mexico.

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