

State Authorization Bill

Cardin 2nd Degree Amendment to Corker 1st Degree #2

SEC. __. LANGUAGE TRAINING.

(a) In General.—Title IV of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4851 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 416. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMATIC SECURITY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HIGH THREAT, HIGH RISK POSTS.

“(a) In General.—Diplomatic security personnel assigned permanently to, or who are serving in, long-term temporary duty status as designated by the Secretary of State at a high threat, high risk post should receive language training described in subsection (b) in order to prepare such personnel for duty requirements at such post.

“(b) Language Training Described.—Language training referred to in subsection (a) should prepare personnel described in such subsection—

“(1) to speak the language at issue with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on subjects germane to security; and

“(2) to read within an adequate range of speed and with almost complete comprehension on subjects germane to security.”.

(c) Inspector General Review.—The Inspector General of the Department of State and Broadcasting Board of Governors shall, at the end of fiscal year 2016, review the language training conducted pursuant to this section and make the results of such reviews available to the Secretary of State and the appropriate congressional committees.