

BELIZE:

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2.
3. Insertion of new section 13A.
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for

AN ACT to amend the National Security Council Act, Act No. 15 of 2024; to provide for the mandatory security vetting of staff and other persons with access to sensitive information; to provide for the making of regulations in respect of security vetting; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted, 2026)

***BE IT ENACTED**, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Short title.
Act No. 15 of
2024.

1. This Act may be cited as the

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026,

and shall be read and construed as one with the National Security Council Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of
section 2.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 2, by inserting the following new terms and their corresponding definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order—

““Minister” means the minister responsible for the National Security Council; and

“security vetting” includes—

- (a) background investigation;
- (b) polygraph examination; and
- (c) drug screening;”.

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 13, the following new section—

Insertion of new section 13A. .

“Security vetting.

13A.—(1) Every person who—

- (a) is employed by, assigned to, seconded to, or otherwise engaged by the Directorate; or
- (b) is granted access to, or is responsible for the processing, handling, or storage of confidential information of the Directorate,

shall undergo security vetting in accordance with regulations made under this Act.

(2) A person referred to in sub-section (1) shall not be appointed, confirmed, assigned, or permitted to continue in any capacity with the Directorate unless that person satisfies the security vetting requirements prescribed by regulations.

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 19, the following new Part—

Insertion of new Part V.

“PART V

Miscellaneous

20.—(1) The Minister may make Regulations as are necessary or expedient for giving effect to the purposes of this Act and for prescribing anything required to be prescribed under this Act.

Regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of sub-section (1), regulations may provide for—

- (a) the procedures for security vetting;
- (b) the establishment, composition, functions and procedures of a Vetting Compliance Committee;
- (c) the use and disclosure of information obtained through security vetting;
- (d) procedures for notification of security vetting outcomes and retesting; and

- (e) any other matter necessary for the effective implementation and administration of security vetting.”.