

S 1612

Homeland Security Technology Improvement Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Sep 11, 2003

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Feb 6, 2004)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 11, 2003
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Oct 3, 2003
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 15, 2003
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Oct 16, 2003
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 17, 2003
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 20, 2003
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 21, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 22, 2003
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Oct 31, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3644	Related bill	<b>Dec 10, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Homeland Security Technology Improvement Act of 2004 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include, as an element of the program to encourage technological innovation in facilitating the mission of the Department of Homeland Security, the establishment of a multi-agency homeland security technology, equipment, and information transfer program to allow for the transfer of technology, equipment, and information to State and local law enforcement agencies. Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, in developing such program, to: (1) in close cooperation with the Office for Domestic Preparedness, conduct research and development of new technologies, surveys and reviews of available appropriate technologies, and tests, evaluations, and demonstrations of new and available technologies that significantly improve the capability of law enforcement agencies in countering terrorist threats; (2) in support of such activities, consult with State and local law enforcement agencies and others, work with the National Institute for Standards and Technology and any other office or agency, and enter into agreements and coordinate with other Federal agencies to maximize the effectiveness of the technologies, equipment, and information; and (3) provide a comprehensive list of available technologies, equipment, and information to the Office of Domestic Preparedness, which shall administer the technology transfer program.

Requires the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness, in coordination with the Under Secretary, to: (1) make counterterrorism technology, equipment, and information available to State and local law enforcement agencies based on the list of available technologies, equipment, and information and the needs identified by the technology transfer advisory committee established by this Act; (2) consult with State and local law enforcement agencies; (3) accept applications from State and local law enforcement agencies that wish to acquire such technologies, equipment, and information to improve their homeland security capabilities and review such applications with the advisory committee; and (4) transfer the approved technology, equipment, and information and provide training to the State or local law enforcement agencies to implement such technology equipment, and information.

Allows the Director, upon approval of the Secretary, to expand the program to first responders other than law enforcement agencies and to revise the advisory committee accordingly.

Limits expenditures for administrative costs to ten percent of the program budget.

Authorizes appropriations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 6, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 6, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Feb 6, 2004:** Held at the desk.
- **Feb 4, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S596-597; text as passed Senate: CR S596-597)
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- **Dec 9, 2003:** By Senator Collins from Committee on Governmental Affairs filed written report. Report No. 108-217.
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- **Nov 25, 2003:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Collins with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Nov 25, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 416.
- **Oct 22, 2003:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11421)
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.