

## HR 4259

Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** May 4, 2004

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**Law:** 108-330 (Enacted Oct 16, 2004)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 4, 2004
Rep. Cox, Christopher [R-CA-48]	R · CA		May 4, 2004
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	R · VA		May 4, 2004
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 4, 2004
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		May 4, 2004
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 4, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 29, 2004
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 9, 2004
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 9, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1567	Related bill	Nov 25, 2003: Held at the desk.
108 HR 2886	Related bill	Nov 12, 2003: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security (Select). H. Rept. 108-358, Part I.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)**

Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act - (Sec. 3) Amends the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the President to appoint a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), who is to report directly to the Secretary of DHS and to the Under Secretary for Management.

Removes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from the list of agencies required to have a CFO.

(Sec. 4) Amends the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 to instruct the Secretary of DHS to: (1) submit a specified performance and accountability report, including an audit opinion of DHS internal controls over its financial reporting; and (3) design and implement DHS-wide management controls that reflect the national homeland security strategy of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and that permit assessment by Congress and DHS managers of DHS performance in executing such strategy.

Requires performance and accountability reports for fiscal years after 2005 to include an assertion of the internal controls that apply to financial reporting by the DHS.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Future Years Homeland Security Program to: (1) include the same type of information, organizational structure, and level of detail as a certain future years defense program; (2) set forth the homeland security strategy that was used to develop program planning guidance for the Program; and (3) include an explanation of how the resource allocations included in the Program correlate to homeland security strategy.

(Sec. 6) Instructs the Secretary to establish an Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation. Creates the position of Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation.

(Sec. 7) Requires the CFO of DHS to notify simultaneously specified congressional committees whenever appropriations earmarked for DHS are either transferred or reprogrammed.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 16, 2004:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 16, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-330.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 30, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2004:** Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9987-9988)
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- **Sep 29, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Sep 7, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 21, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Mr. Platts moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6071-6074)
- **Jul 20, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4259.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6071-6073)
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- **Jul 20, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 9, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on Government Reform. H. Rept. 108-533, Part I.
- **Jun 9, 2004:** House Committee on Homeland Security (Select) Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than June 9, 2004.
- **Jun 9, 2004:** Committee on Homeland Security (Select) discharged.
- **Jun 9, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 307.
- **May 6, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 6, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 4, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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