

HR 1796

National Emergency Centers Establishment Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 18, 2007
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2007
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 30, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Emergency Centers Establishment Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish at least six national emergency centers on military installations to use existing infrastructure to provide: (1) temporary housing, medical, and humanitarian assistance to individuals and families dislocated due to an emergency or major disaster; and (2) centralized locations for the training of first responders and the coordination of preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Lists minimum requirements for sites for such centers, including that they be capable of: (1) meeting for an extended period the housing, health, transportation, education, public works, humanitarian, and other transition needs of a large number of individuals affected; (2) being scaled up or down to accommodate major disaster preparedness and response drills, operations, and procedures; (3) housing existing permanent structures necessary to meet training and first responders coordination requirements during non-disaster periods; and (4) hosting the infrastructure necessary to rapidly adjust to temporary housing, medical, and humanitarian assistance needs.

Sets forth center location requirements, including requiring the Secretary to designate closed military installations as sites whenever possible and to designate portions of existing military installations as centers otherwise.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 26, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.
- **Mar 30, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E699-700)
- **Mar 30, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.