

## HR 5766

Schools Empowered to Respond Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 10, 2008)

Schools Empowered to Respond Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security an Office of National School Preparedness and Response.

Gives the Director of that office primary responsibility within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the support of statewide, regional, and national efforts to enhance the collective response to acts of terrorism and other disasters at schools, including by: (1) serving as the principal advisor to the Secretary on the needs of schools and children in response to emergency situations; (2) ensuring that DHS policies, programs, and activities appropriately consider the needs of and impact upon schools and children; (3) creating an Internet clearinghouse that identifies resources available to schools; and (4) ensuring that education officials have input with the Government Coordinating Council.

Permits the use of funds under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program to enhance school preparedness.

Directs the Secretary to condition the receipt of grants on a state including in each state homeland security decision-making body that has authority to determine how grants will be used a representative selected by the state education authority who has an understanding of the emergency planning needs of local schools.

Expresses the sense of Congress: (1) promoting the adoption of voluntary national standards in schools to prepare for and enable a collective response to acts of terrorism and other disasters; and (2) regarding what plans for responding should be included to ensure school participation in such collective response.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.
- **Apr 11, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E587)
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.