

## HR 6425

Homeland Security Relief Corps Act of 2008

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**Chamber:** House

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Homeland Security Relief Corps Act of 2008 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a Response and Recovery Corps to perform functions related to the collective response to acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

Requires the Corps to consist of individuals who do not ordinarily have the duties of a full-time DHS officer or employee.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that: (1) each Corps member receives core training in functions relating to emergency response or post-incident recovery and rebuilding efforts, or both; and (2) at least 30% of Corps members assigned to carry out a project reside, or resided prior to an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other emergency, in the region in which the project is conducted.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) identify response and recovery projects that warrant support from the Corps; (2) direct and oversee Corps activities; (3) govern the selection of Corps members; and (4) formulate and administer a system of uniform periodic reports on the number of individuals employed by, and the number of individuals and households receiving relief from, the Corps.

Authorizes the Secretary to appoint a Corps member into federal service for the purpose of participation in Corps activities without regard to provisions governing appointments in the competitive service.

Directs the Secretary to develop a plan for directing the Corps to assist in recovery and rebuilding efforts for the Gulf Coast region in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 29, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.
- **Jun 27, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1379-1380)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.