

HR 645

National Emergency Centers Establishment Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Feb 25, 2009
Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Apr 22, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 16, 2009
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jun 22, 2010
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jun 22, 2010
Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jun 29, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 23, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3476	Related bill	Jun 10, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

National Emergency Centers Establishment Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) 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.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.
- **Jan 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E122-123)
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Jan 22, 2009:** 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.
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services