

## HR 3642

Public Safety Broadband Network Enabling Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Dec 13, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 16, 2011
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Public Safety Broadband Network Enabling Act - Amends the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to: (1) document operational requirements for a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network; (2) if necessary and practical, help accelerate the development of national voluntary consensus standards for such network; (3) conduct research and assist with the development of technologies and applications to advance wireless public safety communications; and (4) continue to develop and maintain a demonstration testbed for use by manufacturers, providers of commercial mobile services, and public safety agencies to evaluate advanced broadband communications equipment and software for use by the public safety community.

Directs the Director to: (1) coordinate with federal agencies, the private sector, and public safety organizations; and (2) convene any appropriate working groups of government and commercial stakeholders.

Requires that a specified amount be made available to the Director from any trust fund established in the Treasury after October 1, 2011, consisting of proceeds from the auction of electromagnetic spectrum.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jan 12, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.