

## HR 5913

DHS Accountability Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jun 7, 2012
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Jun 7, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 28, 2012
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Aug 1, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

DHS Accountability Act of 2012 - Establishes in the legislative branch an independent advisory panel to: (1) comprehensively assess the management structure and capabilities related to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and (2) make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of DHS management.

Directs the panel to examine: (1) the efficiency and effectiveness of the management structure and capabilities, including the policies, practices, and procedures, of DHS and its component agencies in carrying out management functions, such as program acquisition, financial management, information technology, human capital issues, performance measurement, and risk management efforts, related to homeland security; (2) the extent to which unnecessary duplication exists in such management structure and capabilities and how any such duplication negatively affects the mission of protecting the United States; (3) the extent to which management of key homeland security missions is centralized under DHS; (4) options to reduce or eliminate harmful waste and duplication of effort in DHS; and (5) measures to evaluate DHS's progress in reducing and eliminating waste and duplication from its management structure and capabilities.

Urges the panel to consult and leverage the work performed and recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on DHS management structure and capabilities.

Directs the panel to submit a final report on its findings and recommendations within two years of the appointment of its members. Terminates the panel 60 days after submission of such report.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 28, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Mr. McCaul moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6434-6437)
- **Nov 27, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5913.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6434-6435)
- **Nov 27, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6434-6435)
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 14, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management.
- **Jun 7, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 7, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.