

HR 915

Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2011
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2011
Rep. Clarke, Hansen [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 3, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 28, 2012
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 2, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 770	Related bill	Feb 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 22, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST), which shall establish units to enhance border security by addressing and reducing border security threats and violence by: (1) facilitating collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement agencies to execute coordinated activities in furtherance of border security and homeland security; and (2) enhancing information-sharing, including the dissemination of homeland security information among such agencies.

Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish BEST units in jurisdictions in which such units can contribute to BEST missions, after considering: (1) whether the area in which the unit would be established is significantly impacted by cross-border threats; (2) the availability of federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement resources to participate in the unit; (3) the extent to which border security threats are having a significant harmful impact in the area and in other U.S. jurisdictions; and (4) whether an Integrated Border Enforcement Team already exists in the area. Directs the Secretary, in determining whether to establish or expand a BEST unit in a given jurisdiction, to ensure that the unit under consideration does not duplicate the efforts of other existing interagency task forces or centers within that jurisdiction.

Authorizes the Secretary, after determining the jurisdictions in which to establish BEST units and in order to provide federal assistance to such jurisdictions, to: (1) direct the assignment of federal personnel to BEST; and (2) take other actions to assist federal, state, local, and tribal entities to participate in BEST, including providing financial assistance for operational, administrative, and technological costs associated with such participation.

Directs the Secretary to report annually on the effectiveness of the program in enhancing border security and reducing the drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across U.S. borders.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 7, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-205.
- **Nov 30, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Mr. McCaul moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 915.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6437-6439, H6443-6444)
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 4 (Roll no. 610).(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6437)
- **Nov 27, 2012:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 4 (Roll no. 610). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6437)
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 24, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR 9/21/2012 S6664-6665; text as passed Senate: CR S6664-6665)
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR 9/21/2012 S6664-6665; text as passed Senate: CR S6664-6665)
- **Aug 28, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/02/2012 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 112-206.
- **Aug 28, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 497.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 4, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 30, 2012:** Mr. King (NY) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 30, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3243-3245)
- **May 30, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 915.
- **May 30, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 30, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3249-3250)
- **May 30, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 2 (Roll no. 296).(text: CR H3243-3244)
- **May 30, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 2 (Roll no. 296). (text: CR H3243-3244)
- **May 30, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 4, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 112-268.
- **Nov 4, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 179.
- **Sep 21, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Mar 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.