

HR 2719

Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act

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Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 18, 2013
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jul 18, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 9, 2014
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 24, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1893	Related bill	Nov 17, 2014: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 599.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 9, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act - (Sec. 3) Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to:

- develop and update biennially a strategic five-year technology investment plan, which may include a classified addendum to report sensitive transportation security risks, technology vulnerabilities, or other sensitive security information; and
- publish the plan in an unclassified form in the public domain.

Directs the Administrator, before acquiring any security-related technology, to analyze whether acquisition is justified. Requires the Administrator, 30 days before any TSA award of a contract for acquisitions exceeding \$30 million, to report to Congress the results of the analysis and certify that the transportation security benefits justify the contract cost.

Requires the appropriate TSA acquisition official to establish certain performance baseline requirements before any TSA security-related technology acquisition. Requires that official to review and assess each acquisition for meeting the baseline requirements and to report the results to Congress.

Requires the Administrator, before procuring additional quantities of equipment to fulfill a TSA mission need, to utilize, to the extent practicable, any existing units in the TSA's inventory to meet that need.

Directs the Administrator to report annually to Congress on TSA's performance record in meeting its goals for contracting with small businesses.

Directs the Administrator to execute all responsibilities set forth in this Act in a manner consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulation and TSA policies and directives.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to: (1) assess TSA's implementation of GAO recommendations regarding the acquisition of security-related technology made before enactment of this Act, and (2) evaluate TSA's progress in implementing this Act.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Administrator to report to Congress on the feasibility of tracking TSA security-related technology, including software solutions, through automated information and data capture technologies.

(Sec. 6) Directs the GAO to evaluate TSA's testing and evaluation process relating to security-related technology.

(Sec. 7) Declares that no additional appropriations are authorized to carry out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 18, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-245.
- **Dec 12, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 10, 2014:** Mr. Hudson moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H8968-8973)
- **Dec 10, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2719.
- **Dec 10, 2014:** DEBATE - The House resumed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2719.
- **Dec 10, 2014:** 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.
- **Dec 10, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8992-8993)
- **Dec 10, 2014:** 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): 425 - 0 (Roll no. 559). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H8969-8970)
- **Dec 10, 2014:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425 - 0 (Roll no. 559). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H8969-8970)
- **Dec 10, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 9, 2014:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 9, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6401)
- **Dec 9, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 9, 2014:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 9, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 9, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Dec 3, 2013:** Mr. McCaul moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 3, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7409-7414)
- **Dec 3, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2719.
- **Dec 3, 2013:** 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.
- **Dec 3, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7427)
- **Dec 3, 2013:** 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): 416 - 0 (Roll no. 616). (text: CR H7409-7411)
- **Dec 3, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 416 - 0 (Roll no. 616). (text: CR H7409-7411)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 113-275.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 196.
- **Oct 29, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 22, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.
- **Jul 18, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 18, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.