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Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2014
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3696	Related bill	Jul 29, 2014: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(Sec. 1) Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to add provisions entitled the Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act, which require the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) develop occupation categories for individuals performing activities in furtherance of DHS's cybersecurity mission, (2) ensure that such categories may be used throughout DHS and are made available to other federal agencies, and (3) conduct an annual assessment of the readiness and capacity of the DHS workforce to meet its cybersecurity mission.

Directs the Secretary to include in such readiness assessment information on which cybersecurity positions are performed by: (1) permanent full time departmental employees (together with demographic information about such employees' race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and veterans status); (2) individuals employed by independent contractors; and (3) individuals employed by other federal agencies, including the National Security Agency (NSA). Requires the assessment to address vacancies within the supervisory workforce, job training, and recruiting costs.

Directs the Secretary to develop: (1) a workforce strategy that enhances the readiness, capacity, training, recruitment, and retention of the DHS cybersecurity workforce, including a multi-phased recruitment plan, a 5-year implementation plan, and a 10-year projection of DHS workforce needs; and (2) a process to verify that employees of independent contractors who serve in DHS cybersecurity positions receive initial and recurrent information security and role-based security training commensurate with assigned responsibilities.

Requires the Secretary to provide Congress with annual updates regarding such strategies, assessments, and training. Requires the Comptroller General (GAO) to study and report to the Secretary and Congress with respect to such assessments and strategies.

Directs the Secretary to report to Congress regarding the feasibility of establishing a Cybersecurity Fellowship Program to offer a tuition payment plan for undergraduate and doctoral candidates who agree to work for DHS for an agreed-upon period of time.

(Sec. 2) Authorizes the Secretary to exercise personnel authorities (in the same manner as the Secretary of Defense [DOD] exercises authority with respect to civilian intelligence personnel and scholarship programs) to establish positions in the excepted service, appoint individuals, fix pay, and pay retention bonuses if needed to retain essential DHS employees who perform functions relating to the security of federal civilian information systems, critical infrastructure information systems, or related networks. Requires the Secretary to provide an explanation to Congress before announcing a bonus.

Requires the Secretary to provide an annual report to Congress for a specified period regarding the processes used in accepting applications, assessing candidates, ensuring adherence to veterans' preference, and selecting applicants for vacancies to be filled by a qualified employee.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 28, 2014:** Mr. Meehan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 28, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6925-6928)
- **Jul 28, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3107.
- **Jul 28, 2014:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Meehan objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Jul 28, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6939)
- **Jul 28, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 395 - 8 (Roll no. 457).(text: CR H6925-6926)
- **Jul 28, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 28, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 395 - 8 (Roll no. 457). (text: CR H6925-6926)
- **Dec 12, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 113-294.
- **Dec 12, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 212.
- **Oct 29, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 18, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Sep 18, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 18, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 17, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 17, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.