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Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2013

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 27, 2014
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 11, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2013 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (HSA) to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to modernize and implement the national integrated public alert and warning system, including by: (1) establishing or adapting common alerting and warning protocols, standards, terminology, and operating procedures; (2) including the capability to adapt the dissemination of information and the content of communications on the basis of geographic location, risks, or personal user preferences and the capability to alert, warn, and provide the equivalent amount of information to individuals with disabilities and access and functional needs; (3) ensuring the conduct of training, tests, and exercises for the system that are incorporated into other training and exercise programs of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); (4) ensuring that ongoing training, integrated into the National Incident Management System, for receiving and disseminating public alert and warning system messages utilizing advanced technologies is provided to state, local, tribal, and other homeland security stakeholders; (5) ensuring that the system uses the National Terrorism Advisory System; (6) conducting periodic nationwide tests of the system at least once every three years; and (7) consulting, coordinating, and cooperating with other federal agencies and with state, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and other key stakeholders to leverage existing alert and warning capabilities.

Requires the Secretary to ensure that the system: (1) incorporates redundant and diverse modes to disseminate warning messages to reach the greatest number of individuals; (2) can be adapted to incorporate future technologies; (3) is resilient, secure, and can withstand acts of terrorism and other external attacks; (4) promotes state, local, tribal, and regional partnerships to enhance coordination; (5) is designed to provide alerts that are accessible to the largest portion of the affected population feasible and to improve the ability of remote areas and areas with underdeveloped telecommunications infrastructure to receive alerts; and (6) includes mechanisms to ensure the protection of individual privacy.

Directs the Secretary to establish the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Advisory Committee, which shall submit annual recommendations for the continuation and improvement of such system.

Directs the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to permit the use of homeland security grant funds to improve public alert and warning capabilities.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 30, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 30, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 27, 2014:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 27, 2014:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Oct 11, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Oct 10, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 10, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.