

## S 1180

### Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** May 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-143.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-143. (Apr 11, 2016)

**Law:** 114-143 (Enacted Apr 11, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1180>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

#### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		May 4, 2015

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 25, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Jun 24, 2016

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1472	Related bill	Dec 30, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 711.
114 HR 1738	Text similarities	Dec 8, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 667.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on June 25, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015**

(Sec. 2) Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to: (1) modernize the integrated U.S. public alert and warning system to help ensure that under all conditions the President, federal agencies, and state, tribal, and local governments can alert and warn the civilian population in areas endangered by natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters or threats to public safety; and (2) implement such system to disseminate timely and effective warnings.

Directs FEMA to: (1) establish common alerting and warning protocols, standards, terminology, and operating procedures for the system; (2) include in such system the capability to adapt the distribution and content of communications on the basis of geographic location, risks, and multiple communication technologies and to alert, warn, and provide equivalent information to individuals with disabilities, access and functional needs, or limited English proficiency; (3) ensure that specified training, tests, and exercises for such system are conducted and that the system is resilient, secure, and can withstand external attacks; and (4) conduct public education efforts and a general market awareness campaign about the system.

Requires the system to: (1) be designed to adapt to and incorporate future technologies for communicating directly with the public, provide alerts to the largest portion of the affected population feasible, and improve the ability of remote areas to receive alerts; (2) promote local and regional public and private partnerships to enhance community preparedness and response; (3) provide redundant alert mechanisms; and (4) protect individual privacy.

Requires FEMA to make available on its public website and submit to Congress an annual report of the performance of the system.

Directs FEMA to establish the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Subcommittee to develop and submit recommendations for an integrated public alert and warning system to the National Advisory Council, which shall report the recommendations it approves to agencies represented on the Subcommittee and to specified congressional committees. Terminates the Subcommittee not later than three years after this Act's enactment.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out this Act for FY2016-FY2018.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 11, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 11, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-143.
- **Mar 31, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 21, 2016:** Mr. Costello (PA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 21, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1487-1491)
- **Mar 21, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1180.
- **Mar 21, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1487-1488)
- **Mar 21, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1487-1488)
- **Mar 21, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 10, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4980-4983; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S4980-4982; text as passed Senate: CR S4982-4983)
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4980-4983; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S4980-4982; text as passed Senate: CR S4982-4983)
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 114-73.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 132.
- **May 6, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 4, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 4, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.