

S 1638

Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Law: 114-150 (Enacted Apr 29, 2016)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Republican • State: WI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Jun 18, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Mar 14, 2016 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters | Jun 24, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 HR 1640 | Related bill | Jun 24, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on March 14, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in coordination with the General Services Administration (GSA), to submit information on the implementation of the enhanced plan for the DHS headquarters consolidation project within the National Capital Region, approved by the Office of Management and Budget and included in the budget of the President for FY2016, that includes:

- a proposed occupancy plan that includes specific information about which DHS-wide operations, component operations, and support offices will be located at the site, the aggregate number of full time equivalent employees projected to occupy the site, the seat-to-staff ratio at the site, and schedule estimates for migrating operations to the site;
- a comprehensive assessment of the difference between the current real property and facilities needed by DHS in the Region to carry out its mission and its future needs;
- an analysis of the difference between the current and needed capital assets and facilities of DHS;
- a current plan for construction of the headquarters consolidation at the St. Elizabeths campus that includes the estimated costs and schedule for the current plan and any estimated cost savings associated with reducing the scope of the project and increasing the use of existing capacity developed under the project;
- a current plan for the leased portfolio of DHS in the Region that includes an end-state vision that identifies which DHS-wide operations, component operations, and support offices do not migrate to the St. Elizabeths campus and continue to operate at a property in the leased portfolio, the number of full-time equivalent employees who are expected to operate at each property, component, or office for each year until the consolidation project is completed, the anticipated total rentable square feet leased per year between the date of this Act's enactment and the date on which the consolidation project is completed, and the timing and anticipated lease terms for leased space; and
- an analysis that identifies the costs and benefits of leasing and construction alternatives for the remainder of the consolidation project, including a comparison of the long-term cost that would result from leasing to the cost of consolidating functions on government-owned space and the identification of any cost impacts in terms of premiums for short-term lease extensions or holdovers due to the uncertainty of funding for, or delays in, completing construction required for the consolidation.

The bill directs the Government Accountability Office to evaluate the quality and reliability of the cost and schedule estimates submitted and report on the results.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-150.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Mr. Duncan (SC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1770-1772)
- **Apr 18, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1638.
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1770-1771)
- **Apr 18, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1770-1771)
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 11, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 11, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 7, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 6, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1773-1774; text of committee substitute as amended: CR S1773)
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- **Mar 14, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 114-227.
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 387.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.