

HR 3490

Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act

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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		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Sep 25, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 17, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 29, 2015
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 1, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6381	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a National Computer Forensics Institute to be operated by the U.S. Secret Service to: (1) disseminate homeland security information related to the investigation and prevention of cyber and electronic crimes and related threats; and (2) educate, train, and provide equipment to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges to carry out investigations, prosecutions, and court proceeding relating to such crimes and threats.

The institute:

- must provide education and training on investigation methods, computer and mobile device forensic examinations, network intrusion incidents, and methods to obtain, process, store, and admit digital evidence in court;
- must ensure that timely, actionable, and relevant expertise and homeland security information related to cyber and electronic crimes and threats is shared with such officers, prosecutors, and judges; and
- may provide officers, prosecutors, and judges with computer equipment and tools for such investigations and examinations.

The Secret Service's network of Electronic Crime Task Forces is to be expanded through the addition of task force officers, prosecutors, and judges educated and trained at the institute, in addition to academia and private sector stakeholders.

The institute must seek opportunities to coordinate with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center within DHS to help enhance the center's training for such cyber and electronic crimes and threats.

(Sec. 3) The Secret Service must report to Congress on plans to incorporate best practices into training materials on chain of custody for digital evidence, including physical devices and the digital evidence that may be contained on such devices.

(Sec. 4) Nothing in this Act may be construed to abridge the rights afforded by the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-345, Part II.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 268.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8420-8423)
- **Nov 30, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3490.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8420-8421)
- **Nov 30, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8420-8421)
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 114-345, Part I.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 29, 2015:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Discharged.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Sep 12, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Sep 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 11, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.