

HR 4401

ALERT Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Feb 29, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5471	Related bill	Jun 20, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
114 S 3072	Related bill	Jun 16, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 29, 2016)

Amplifying Local Efforts to Root out Terror Act of 2016 or the ALERT Act of 2016

(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide training at state and major urban area fusion centers for the purpose of administering community awareness briefings and related activities in furtherance of its efforts to counter violent extremism, identify and report suspicious activities, and increase awareness of and more quickly identify terrorism threats, including the travel or attempted travel of individuals from the United States to support a foreign terrorist organization abroad. (A "fusion center" serves as a focal point within the state and local environment for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information between the federal government and state, local, tribal, territorial and private sector partners.)

(Sec. 3) The bill directs DHS to assess its efforts to support countering violent extremism at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels. Such assessment shall include:

- a cataloging of DHS efforts to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in countering violent extremism;
- a review of cooperative agreements between DHS and such governments relating to countering violent extremism; and
- an evaluation of DHS plans and any potential opportunities to better support such governments that are in furtherance of DHS's countering violent extremism objectives and consistent with all relevant constitutional, legal, and privacy protections.

(Sec. 4) DHS shall notify Congress of the number of employees of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments with security clearances sponsored by DHS, including a detailed list of the agencies that employ such employees, the level of clearance held, and whether such employees are assigned as representatives to state and major urban area fusion centers.

(Sec. 5) The bill prohibits the authorization of additional funds to carry out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-437.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 334.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Mr. Loudermilk moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1010-1013)
- **Feb 29, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4401.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: H1010-1011)
- **Feb 29, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: H1010-1011)
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 1, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.