

HR 4743

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 17, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 28, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3295	Related bill	Sep 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5373)

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(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to work with a consortium, including the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, to support efforts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents, including threats or acts of terrorism.

Such a consortium must be composed primarily of nonprofit entities, including academic institutions, that develop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in support of homeland security.

DHS may work with such a consortium to assist its national cybersecurity and communications integration center to:

- provide training to state and local first responders and officials, develop curriculums, and provide technical assistance;
- conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training and simulation exercises, including for state and local governments, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and private industry;
- help states and communities develop cybersecurity information sharing programs; and
- help incorporate cybersecurity risk and incident prevention and response into existing state and local emergency plans and continuity of operations plans.

In selecting a consortium, DHS must consider: (1) any prior experience conducting cybersecurity training and exercises for state and local entities, and (2) the geographic diversity of its members to cover different regions across the United States.

DHS must conduct outreach to universities and colleges regarding opportunities to support efforts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents.

DHS's authority to carry out this bill terminates five years after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 16, 2016:** Mr. Ratcliffe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 16, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2409-2411)
- **May 16, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4743.
- **May 16, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 16, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2415-2416)
- **May 16, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 394 - 3 (Roll no. 194).(text: CR H2409)
- **May 16, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 394 - 3 (Roll no. 194). (text: CR H2409)
- **May 16, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 13, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-565.
- **May 13, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 438.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies Discharged.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 18, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Mar 15, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.