

## HR 5459

Cyber Preparedness Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sep 27, 2016)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2016
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 13, 2016
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 14, 2016
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 16, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

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

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 19, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Cyber Preparedness Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) State, Local, and Regional Fusion Center Initiative to coordinate with the national cybersecurity and communications integration center (NCCIC) to provide state, local, and regional fusion centers with expertise on DHS cybersecurity resources. (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.)

DHS must: (1) provide timely access to technical assistance, risk management support, and incident response capabilities for cybersecurity threat indicators, defensive measures, risks, and incidents, including cybersecurity risks to equipment and technology related to the electoral process; (2) review cybersecurity risk information gathered by fusion centers to incorporate into DHS's cybersecurity risk information; and (3) disseminate cybersecurity risk information to fusion centers.

Fusion center officers or intelligence analysts may be assigned from the NCCIC. Such officers and analysts must assist fusion centers in using cybersecurity risk information to develop a comprehensive and accurate threat picture.

The NCCIC may include, and must share analysis and best practices with, state and major urban area fusion centers.

(Sec. 3) States, local or tribal governments, or high-risk urban areas receiving grants to protect against terrorism under the Urban Area Security Initiative or the State Homeland Security Grant Program may use the funds to: (1) prepare for and respond to cybersecurity risks and incidents, and (2) develop statewide cyber threat information analysis and dissemination activities.

(Sec. 4) The bill expresses the sense of Congress that DHS should share actionable information related to cyber threats in an unclassified form to facilitate timely dissemination to state, local, and private sector stakeholders.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 27, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Mr. Donovan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5880-5881)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5459.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5880)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5880)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 19, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-756.
- **Sep 19, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 588.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.