

## HR 5460

### First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jun 13, 2016

**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

**Name:** Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		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	Reported by	Jun 16, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

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

## **First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement a uniform process for reviewing applications that contain explanations to use grants provided under the Urban Area Security Initiative or the State Homeland Security Grant Program to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards developed under the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006.

FEMA must consider:

- current or past use of proposed equipment or systems by federal agencies or the Armed Forces;
- the absence of a national voluntary consensus standard for such equipment or systems;
- the existence of an international consensus standard for such equipment or systems and whether such equipment or systems meets such standard;
- the nature of the capability gap identified by the applicant and how such equipment or systems will address such gap; and
- the degree to which such equipment or systems will serve the needs of the applicant better than equipment or systems that meet or exceed existing consensus standards.

The Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit to specified congressional committees a report assessing the implementation of such review process, including information on the number of requests to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable consensus standard, the capability gaps identified by applicants and the number of such requests granted or denied, and the processing time for the review of such requests.

## **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:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-788.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 616.
- **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 H5879-5880)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5460.
- **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 H5879)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5879)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **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 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.