

## HR 720

Gerardo Hernandez Airport Security Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Feb 4, 2015

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**Law:** 114-50 (Enacted Sep 24, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/720>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 23, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on August 5, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 3) Directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security to: (1) conduct outreach to all U.S. airports at which the TSA performs, or oversees the implementation and performance of, security measures; and (2) give necessary technical assistance to verify that such airports have in place individualized working plans for responding to security incidents inside the airport perimeter, including active shooters, acts of terrorism, and incidents that target passenger-screening checkpoints.

Requires the TSA to report to Congress on the outreach findings, including an analysis of the level of preparedness such airports have to respond to such incidents.

(Sec. 4) Requires the TSA to: (1) identify best practices that exist across airports for security incident planning, management, and training; and (2) establish a mechanism through which to share those best practices with other airport operators nationwide.

(Sec. 5) Requires the TSA also to: (1) certify annually to specified congressional committees that all screening personnel have participated in practical training exercises for active shooter scenarios, and (2) analyze for those same committees how TSA can use cost savings achieved through efficiencies to increase over the next five fiscal years the funding available for checkpoint screening law enforcement support reimbursable agreements.

(Sec. 7) Directs the TSA to: (1) conduct outreach to all passenger transportation agencies and providers with high-risk facilities to verify that they have in place plans for responding to active shooters, acts of terrorism, or other security-related incidents that target passengers; and (2) identify best practices for security incident planning, management, and training and establish a mechanism through which to share such practices with passenger transportation agencies nationwide.

(Sec. 8) Declares that no additional appropriations are authorized to carry out this Act. Requires this Act to be carried out using amounts otherwise available.

(Sec. 9) Requires the TSA to review the interoperable communications capabilities of law enforcement, fire, and medical personnel responsible for responding to security incidents at all U.S. airports at which the TSA performs, or oversees the implementation and performance of, security measures.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 24, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 24, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-50.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Mr. Katko moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H5990-5993)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the Senate amendment to H.R. 720.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5990-5991)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5990-5991)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 6, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 5, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6422-6423; text as passed Senate: CR S6422-6423)
- **Aug 5, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6422-6423; text as passed Senate: CR S6422-6423)
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-92.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 163.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Received in the Senate.
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Mr. Katko moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H894-897)
- **Feb 10, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 720.
- **Feb 10, 2015:** 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.
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H898-899)
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 1 (Roll no. 70).(text: CR H894-895)
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- **Feb 10, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.