

HR 1196

Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2017

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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 16, 2017
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Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jul 18, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jul 28, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 19, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 7, 2017
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Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 942	Related bill	Apr 26, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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This bill expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the U.S. government must ensure that capacity-building assistance to combat terrorist travel is coordinated among departments and agencies as well as with foreign implementing partners, and (2) such assistance should be prioritized for the highest-risk countries for travel by terrorists and foreign fighters.

The Department of State shall submit to Congress biennially a foreign partner engagement plan that catalogues existing capacity-building initiatives abroad to combat travel by terrorists and foreign fighters and identifies areas for adjustment to align efforts with risk-based priorities.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the State Department shall accelerate the provision of appropriate versions of the following systems to foreign governments:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection's global travel targeting and analysis systems; and
- the State Department's watchlisting, identification, and screening systems.

DHS may provide, with specified exceptions, excess DHS nonlethal equipment and supplies (as well as related training) to a foreign government if that would:

- further U.S. homeland security interests; and
- enhance the recipient government's capacity to mitigate the threat of terrorism, infectious disease or natural disaster, protect lawful trade and travel, or enforce intellectual property rights.

DHS shall:

- notify Congress before providing such systems, equipment, or supplies; and
- report to Congress annually through 2022 regarding foreign government efforts to combat terrorist and foreign fighter travel.

The State Department may suspend non-humanitarian, non-trade-related foreign assistance to a foreign country identified in such a report as a country to which the minimum standards for serious and sustained efforts to combat terrorist and foreign fighter travel are applicable but whose government is not fully complying with such standards and is not making significant efforts to bring itself into compliance.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Mar 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Mar 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.