

HR 1282

DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 1, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 23, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2825	Related bill	Nov 13, 2018: By Senator Johnson from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-351.
115 S 886	Related bill	Nov 13, 2017: Held at the desk.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on March 23, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish an Acquisition Review Board to strengthen accountability and uniformity within the DHS acquisition review process, review major acquisition programs (programs estimated to require a total expenditure of at least \$300 million over their life cycle costs), and review the use of best practices.

The board shall convene at DHS's discretion and whenever: (1) a major acquisition program requires authorization to proceed from one acquisition decision event to another, is in breach of its approved requirements, or requires additional review; or (2) a non-major acquisition program requires review.

The board's responsibilities are to:

- determine whether a proposed acquisition has met the requirements of key phases of the acquisition life cycle framework and is able to proceed to the next phase and eventual full production and deployment;
- oversee whether a proposed acquisition's business strategy, resources, management, and accountability is executable and aligned to strategic initiatives;
- support the acquisition decision authority in determining the appropriate direction at key acquisition decision events;
- conduct systematic reviews to ensure that acquisitions are progressing in compliance with the approved documents for their current acquisition phases;
- review the acquisition documents of each major acquisition program to ensure the reliability of underlying data; and
- ensure that practices are implemented to require consideration of tradeoffs among cost, schedule, and performance objectives as part of the process for developing requirements for major acquisition programs prior to initiating the second acquisition decision event.

If the person exercising acquisition decision authority over a major acquisition program approves such program to proceed into the planning phase before such program has a DHS-approved acquisition program baseline, DHS shall: (1) create and approve a baseline report regarding such approval; (2) notify Congress within 7 days after an acquisition decision memorandum is signed; and (3) within 60 days after such signing, report on the rationale for such decision and a plan of action to require an acquisition program baseline for such program.

DHS shall report annually to specified congressional committees through FY2022 on the board's activities, including information on:

- any acquisition decision memoranda for each meeting of the board,
- results of the systematic reviews,
- results of acquisition document reviews, and
- activities to ensure that practices are adopted and implemented throughout DHS regarding such tradeoffs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Mr. Garrett moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5020-5022)
- **Jun 21, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1282.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5020-5021)
- **Jun 21, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5020-5021)
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-57.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 32.
- **Mar 8, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 1, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.