

## HR 2922

### PREPARE Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications. (Jun 28, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### 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 HR 2188	Related bill	Jun 15, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 122.
115 HR 437	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 584	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 687	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Promoting Resilience and Efficiency in Preparing for Attacks and Responding to Emergencies Act or the PREPARE Act**

This bill revises programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Office of Emergency Communications of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Office of Health Affairs of DHS. Specifically, the bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to:

- revise requirements for and reauthorize the Urban Area Security Initiative,
- require states receiving homeland security grants to submit to FEMA certain threat and risk assessments,
- expand the allowable uses of homeland security grant funds to include enhancing medical preparedness and cybersecurity,
- require FEMA to implement a uniform process for using grant funds to purchase certain equipment or systems,
- update the National Incident Management System at least once every five years,
- expand requirements relating to cyber preparedness,
- require FEMA to establish a major metropolitan area counterterrorism training and exercise grant program,
- revise duties of the Chief Medical Officer of DHS, and
- require DHS to establish a medical countermeasures program.

DHS may establish a Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium to provide training to emergency response providers from rural communities.

FEMA must provide updates on the management of the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, and Radiological Training Facility of the Center for Domestic Preparedness.

DHS may not implement the National Preparedness Grant Program or change the location or reporting structure of the Office of Emergency Communications without prior authorization from Congress.

FEMA must: (1) designate a chief management official for the agency, (2) report on efforts to modernize its grants and financial information technology systems, and (3) update its strategic human capital plan in 2018 and the next five succeeding years.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Jun 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jun 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 15, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce, 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.