

HR 3895

Smart Cities and Communities Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 2, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 2, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4151	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
115 HR 5566	Related bill	Apr 18, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 S 1904	Identical bill	Oct 2, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Smart Cities and Communities Act of 2017

This bill establishes programs for the implementation and use of smart technologies and systems in communities of various sizes. A “smart city or community” is one in which innovative, advanced, and trustworthy information, communication, and energy technologies are applied to: (1) improve the health and quality of life of residents; (2) increase efficiency of operations and services; (3) promote economic growth; and (4) improve safety, security, sustainability, resiliency, livability, and work life.

The Department of Commerce shall establish a regional demonstration grant program focused on facilitating adoption, and allowing measurement and validation of performance, of advanced smart city or community technologies and systems. Commerce shall also convene a working group to develop tools for evaluating the cybersecurity of smart city or community technologies.

The Department of Labor shall establish a pilot program to furnish competitive grants for technology-based job training and education programs that provide industry-recognized credentials.

The bill requires strong federal encouragement and support for private sector-led standards development activities.

The bill requires the establishment of a strategic international smart cities and communities trade program that includes trade missions to promote and assist smart-community activities, as by leveraging expertise in infrastructure development.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Oct 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, 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.