

HR 4661

United States Fire Administration, AFG, and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Walters, Mimi [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Dec 18, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Feb 23, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 15, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3881	Related bill	Sep 28, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

United States Fire Administration, AFG, and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act of 2017

This bill amends the the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to: (1) reauthorize through FY2024 the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FPSG) Program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) Program, and reauthorizes provisions regarding firefighting technology evaluation and standards development; and (2) authorize the use of AFG Program grants, instead of SAFER Program grants, to provide specialized training to first responders on how to recognize and properly intervene with individuals with mental illness.

The SAFER Program is revised to permit the use of grants to change the status of part-time or paid-on-call firefighters to full-time firefighters.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) may develop and make widely available an electronic, online training course for members of the fire and emergency response community on matters related to the administration of AFG, FPSG, and SAFER grants. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall ensure that any such training is: (1) tailored to the financial and time constraints of members of the fire and emergency response community; and (2) accessible to all individuals in the career, combination, paid-on-call, and volunteer fire and emergency response community.

The USFA shall develop and implement a grant monitoring and oversight framework to mitigate and minimize risks of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement relating to such grants programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 3, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 3, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-98.
- **Jan 2, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8280)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8280)
- **Dec 19, 2017:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Mrs. Comstock moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10155-10158)
- **Dec 18, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4661.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10155-10156)
- **Dec 18, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10155-10156)
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 15, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.