

HR 4708

Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Dec 21, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged From	Jan 11, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1370	Related bill	Dec 22, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-96.
115 S 1103	Related bill	Oct 10, 2017: Held at the desk.

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

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a program to be known as the Blue Campaign, the purpose of which shall be to unify and coordinate DHS efforts to address human trafficking.

The campaign director shall issue DHS-wide guidance to and develop training programs for appropriate DHS personnel, coordinate departmental efforts, and provide guidance and training on trauma-informed practices to ensure that human trafficking victims are afforded prompt access to victim support service providers and assistance to address their immediate and long-term needs.

Such campaign shall provide guidance and training to DHS personnel and other federal, state, tribal, and law enforcement personnel regarding:

- programs to help identify instances of human trafficking;
- the types of information that should be collected and recorded in DHS information technology systems to identify individuals suspected or convicted of human trafficking;
- systematic and routine information sharing within DHS and among federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies regarding such individuals and patterns and practices of human trafficking;
- techniques to identify suspected victims of trafficking along the U.S. border and at airport security checkpoints;
- methods to be used by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and personnel from other appropriate agencies to train TSA employees to identify suspected trafficking victims and to serve as a liaison and resource regarding human trafficking prevention to appropriate state, local, and private sector aviation workers and the traveling public;
- utilizing resources to educate partners and stakeholders and increase public awareness of human trafficking; and
- leveraging partnerships with state and local governmental, non-governmental, and private sector organizations to raise public awareness of human trafficking.

(Sec. 3) DHS shall: (1) ensure the integration of information technology systems utilized within DHS to record and track information regarding individuals suspected or convicted of human trafficking; and (2) report to Congress on the status and effectiveness of, and providing a recommendation regarding the appropriate office within DHS for, the Blue Campaign.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-125.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S591)
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S591)
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 16, 2018:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security discharged.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H161)
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Mr. McCaul asked unanimous consent to discharge from the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary and consider.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H161)
- **Jan 11, 2018:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H161)
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.