

HR 5079

DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 13, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 7, 2018

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop or update not less frequently than once every five years a strategy for DHS engagement with fusion centers. The term "fusion center" means a collaborative effort of two or more government agencies that combines resources, expertise, or information to maximize the ability of such agencies to detect, prevent, investigate, apprehend, and respond to criminal or terrorist activity. Such strategy shall include: (1) specific goals and objectives for sharing information and engaging with fusion centers, (2) performance metrics for measuring success in achieving such goals and objectives, and (3) a five-year plan for continued engagement with fusion centers.

(Sec. 3) DHS shall: (1) consider the effectiveness of existing processes to identify and prepare field personnel for deployment to support fusion centers and internal mechanisms to ensure oversight and accountability of such personnel; and (2) publish and disseminate performance metrics, taking into account regional and threat diversity.

DHS shall develop and implement a formalized training module for fusion center personnel regarding the classified Homeland Secure Data Network of DHS, or any successor system.

(Sec. 4) DHS shall: (1) develop policies and metrics to ensure effective use by DHS components of the unclassified Homeland Security Information Network, or any successor system; and (2) develop policies for posting unclassified products on the network.

DHS shall assess and implement technical enhancements to the network to improve usability, including search functionality, data analysis, and collaboration capabilities.

(Sec. 5) DHS must report describing the implementation of: (1) the fusion center information sharing strategy, (2) the deployment of field personnel to fusion centers, and (3) policies that seek to ensure the effective use of the Homeland Security Information Network.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-355.
- **Nov 13, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 642.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 20, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-606.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 462.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Mr. Bacon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1667-1669)
- **Mar 19, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5079.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1666-1668)
- **Mar 19, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1666-1668)
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence Discharged.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 28, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence.
- **Feb 23, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.