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AFG and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 5, 2017
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Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 5, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 7, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Apr 7, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 3, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 3, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 11, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 22, 2017
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		May 23, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 7, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 13, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 21, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 11, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 4, 2017

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.

Summary (as of Aug 2, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on July 11, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to: (1) repeal the expiration dates of, and to reauthorize through FY2023, 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 (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.

(Sec. 3) 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.

(Sec. 4) 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.

(Sec. 5) 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

- **Aug 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4714-4715; text: CR S4714-4715)
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4714-4715; text: CR S4714-4715)
- **Jul 11, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-128.
- **Jul 11, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 168.
- **May 17, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.