

HR 3256

Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 14, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 251	Related bill	Jan 18, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-2.

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This bill reauthorizes the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program until May 1, 2025. The CFATS program requires chemical facilities to assess and address their threat vulnerabilities.

The bill requires DHS to (1) verify information submitted by a covered chemical facility prior to assigning such facility a lower risk tier or determining that it no longer presents a high level of security risk, and (2) develop a voluntary program for chemical facilities to address potential security risks.

DHS shall, among other things (1) provide for an annual review of a facility's compliance with its emergency response plan; (2) make necessary information available to state, local, and regional fusion centers and state and local government officials to ensure that emergency response providers are prepared; (3) establish a Chemical Security Advisory Committee to advise DHS on the implementation of this bill; and (4) study how to improve training and support for local emergency response providers in areas with high concentrations of covered facilities in how to respond to a terrorist attack on a chemical facility.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency shall (1) conduct a review of potential effects of attacks on covered chemical facilities or other critical infrastructure, and (2) establish a secure communications and information technology infrastructure or platform that allows facility owners and operators to voluntarily report on emerging threats.

The Government Accountability Office shall evaluate the effectiveness of DHS risk-based performance standards.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 21, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 427.
- **Dec 12, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 116-341, Part I.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation Discharged.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 14 - 12.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation.
- **Jun 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.