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Southwest Border Security Technology Improvement Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 14, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7944	Related bill	Sep 24, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2020)

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This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to Congress an analysis of border security technology along the Southwest border.

The report shall address the technology DHS needs to (1) prevent terrorists from entering the United States, (2) reduce cross-border criminal activity such as drug smuggling, and (3) facilitate legal trade flow. The report shall also address recent technological advancements and assess whether such advancements can help achieve these goals.

DHS shall submit the report within year of this bill's enactment and provide biannual updates for six more years.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-322.
- **Dec 14, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 625.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.