

HR 8309

Keep America Secure Act

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Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 17, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4761	Related bill	Dec 23, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-254.
116 HR 2589	Related bill	Nov 9, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 578.
116 HR 5804	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 8310	Related bill	Sep 17, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Foreign Affairs, 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.
116 HR 8103	Related bill	Aug 25, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
116 HR 8045	Related bill	Aug 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 7588	Related bill	Aug 1, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation.
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116 S 3045	Related bill	Jul 29, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 500.
116 HR 3675	Related bill	Jun 25, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 485.
116 S 3467	Related bill	Mar 12, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 4753	Related bill	Feb 11, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 5670	Related bill	Jan 29, 2020: Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
116 HR 5394	Related bill	Jan 3, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation.
116 HR 4402	Related bill	Dec 10, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 4237	Related bill	Oct 23, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
116 HR 3694	Related bill	Oct 15, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 1975	Related bill	Sep 25, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
116 HR 2590	Related bill	Sep 18, 2019: Star Print ordered on report No. 116-97.
116 HR 3907	Related bill	Aug 21, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism.
116 S 2318	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 3719	Related bill	Jul 29, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
116 HR 2609	Related bill	Jun 12, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1729	Related bill	Apr 1, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.

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116 HR 1639	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 9.
116 HR 1609	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
116 HR 480	Related bill	Feb 4, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism.
116 HR 769	Related bill	Jan 29, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 17, 2020)

Keep America Secure Act

This bill provides for a two-year reauthorization of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) activities for FY2021-FY2022.

Specifically, the bill sets forth provisions to address

- management reform and accountability, including the establishment of an Office of Biometric Identity Management within the Management Directorate of DHS;
- intelligence and information sharing, including requiring annual assessments of the terrorist threat to the homeland;
- cybersecurity, including the establishment of a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee within the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency;
- border and visa security, including directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection to hire specified numbers of agents and authorizing an immigration advisory program to assist air carriers and security employees at foreign airports with review of traveler information during the processing of U.S.-bound flights;
- transportation security, including requiring the Transportation Security Administration to establish a task force to analyze emerging and potential future threats and requiring DHS to prioritize the research and facilitation of next generation technologies to detect explosives in the nation's surface transportation systems;
- emergency preparedness, response, and recovery, including modifying specified grant programs and reauthorizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and
- pandemic preparedness, including establishing a medical countermeasures program to facilitate personnel readiness and protection for DHS employees and working animals and individuals in its care and custody, in the event of a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosives attack, naturally occurring disease outbreak, or pandemic, and to support DHS mission continuity.

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